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'IF I DIDN'T HAVE A DOG, LIFE WOULD BE FAR MORE COMPLICATED'

# Blind cyclist Keith tackles marathon ride from Paris

**A BLIND cyclist is embarking on the ride of his life to raise cash for Guide Dogs Cymru.**

Keith Barrett, owner of guide dog Lena, will cycle a tandem from Paris to Swansea this July with Andy Harries, a fellow member of the Ogmore Valley Wheelers.

The ride starts at the Eiffel Tower and covers 320 miles in four days. Keith, a piano tuner from Corntown, said: "I used to be quite serious about cycling in my youth, but took a break for 20 years, due to family, children and a lack of front riders."

"This event is not just about the distance, but the terrain. Cycling 40 miles over hills is as tiring as 100 miles on the flat. I have complete respect for Andy, who is used to doing long mileage and

trains for triathlon most days."

Andy, who works at Park Crescent Pharmacy in Barry, said: "I'm glad to be doing this for Guide Dogs, as they bring so many benefits and yet receive no Government funding. When I'm piloting the tandem, I try to describe what is ahead as we go along, but it's between gasps because Keith pushes hard! We'll take care on French roundabouts."

Readers are invited to sponsor the duo by emailing keith@barrettplanos.co.uk

Guide dogs are a way of life for Keith, who has been blind since he was a baby: "Growing up, I knew a few people who had guide dogs, and I always wanted one when I was old enough," he said. "I had my first at 18, and Lena is my fifth. They've all been good, but your first dog is always special because it's all new."

"You can't get too emotional about it. They are pets as well, but they're mainly a mobility aid."

"I work all over the Vale, and the dog goes with me. If I didn't have the dog, life would

Two in tandem for Guide Dogs Cymru!



be a lot more complicated.

"You forget how many obstacles are out there. I could get around with a white cane, but it's slow. I walk down the road with the dog at a good pace, and as far as I'm concerned it's a clear path."

Contact www.guidedogs.org.uk; email guidedogs@guidedogs.org.uk

**RIGHT: Keith Barrett, who is planning a Paris to Swansea cycle ride for Guide Dogs for the Blind, with his dog, Lena.**



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**£10,000 cannabis raid: man arrested**

**OFFICERS in Bridgend carried out a raid on a property in Charles Street, on Friday, March 7.**

Cannabis worth around £10,000 was found at the property along with a quantity of cash.

The raid was carried out following the execution of a drugs warrant.

Police said that a 26-year-old man from Bridgend was arrested and is on police bail pending further enquiries.

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## Sports camp for local looked-after children



SuperStars mascot; the Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Gary Thomas;  
Maria Boffey and SuperStars coaches, Dan White and Andrew Blowing.

BRIDGEND County Borough Council's looked-after children were treated to free sports activities over Easter – thanks to a new initiative from the Fostering Network Wales.

Funded by the Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust and run in conjunction with SuperStars, Let's Go provided two days of high quality sports coaching, physical education, multi-skills and fitness sessions for children in care aged five to 11-years-old.

More than 40 sports sessions were offered, including world cup football, dance, tag rugby, basketball, baseball, cricket, netball, gladiator dodgeball, Olympic athletics, ultimate frisbee, handball, benchball, hockey, gaa gaa ball, teamwork games, and lots more!

Children got to meet and work with positive role models, build motivation, develop new skills and interests, and boost their social skills.

Maria Boffey, business development manager of the Fostering Network Wales, said: "We are

passionate about encouraging sport for life and the holiday camps are fantastic starting blocks where young Superstars will thoroughly enjoy themselves and learn a lot.

"The fun learning environment provided helps children gain confidence, and become fitter while enjoying a range of traditional and unusual activities that they would not otherwise have tried."

Coun Huw David, BCBC's cabinet member for children and young people, added: "One of the council's main priorities is to encourage more people across the county borough to live healthily and to see increased participation in physical activity across all population groups – the sports camps are an excellent example of this through partnership working."

The sports camp concluded with an awards evening to celebrate the achievements of each child. The 'Let's Go' project aims to improve the health and wellbeing of children, strengthen fostering placements, and encourage more children into sport.

## Abdication of leadership?

IN his letter on the EU (April 9), Roger Bradshaw repeats the assertion that Britain's trade wouldn't suffer outside the EU.

According to the people who do the trade, this is simply not true and perhaps it would be wise to listen to them. Moreover, trade is regulated by agreements and goods have to meet certain standards.

Of course, China would continue to sell us goods if Britain were outside the EU, but those goods would be made according to EU regulations. China wouldn't bother negotiating new regulations with an independent Britain.

Equally, the EU negotiates standards for goods exported to China. Outside the EU, British goods sold to China would still need to adhere to those EU standards and agreements. Inside the EU, Britain has a say over what those standards should be;

outside the EU, we should have none.

If it really were the case that Britain would be better off outside the EU then Germany, a bigger exporter and a bigger contributor to the budget, would surely also be looking to withdraw.

As for uncontrolled immigration, according to a parliamentary answer in 2014, there were 2.3 million people from other EU countries living in Britain, which was balanced by 2.2 million Britons resident in Europe.

Denying the Romanian bricklayer entry to Britain would mean denying large numbers of Britons their place in the sun.

Britain has always sought to influence what happens in Europe. That is why the USA, for instance, hopes we shall remain in the EU.

If ever we did leave, we should be abdicating a policy of leadership and engagement in Europe that goes back over 200 years.

Peter Sain ley Berry,  
Cowbridge.

## WELSH IN THE GEM

AS some of my family now live in the lovely Vale, I make frequent visits.

I always like to read The GEM while I am there and find it to be an excellent newspaper.

During my last visit I notice that you now have a few pages printed in the Welsh language, how delighted I was. I hope this will continue, indeed it is in line with the gradual growth of the Welsh language in your area.

I was disappointed at

some of the negative responses by some people and I suggest that they 'give it a go'.

They may find it easier than they thought to learn the language and improve their knowledge, enhance the quality of their lives and, indeed, some will be able to keep up with their grandchildren who go to Welsh medium schools.

Da lawn chi y GEM.  
Daliwch at a phob lwc.  
Well done The GEM,  
carry on and good luck.  
Emrys Hughes, Glan Conwy, Clwyd.

## 'Not a level playing field'

LIKE Mr Jeff Evans in The GEM of April 9, I would like to thank you for publishing my letter in full and for explaining the reasons why you printed your 'wraparound' Conservative party broadsheet on March 26.

However, I would like to reiterate that I do believe that is unfair

electioneering for one party to gain an advantage over others simply because they can afford to do so.

As I said in my original letter, unfortunately election campaigns are not now fought out democratically on a level playing field, when some parties have far more funds than others to finance such publicity.

Dr David Ellis,  
Llantwit Major  
Cardiff and Vale  
Liberal Democrats

## CHAOS IN THE UKRAINE

THE agitators on the Maidan in Kiev several months ago could hardly have foreseen the chaos their actions would bring on the Ukraine.

Not only has the Crimea gone and large tracts of eastern Ukraine, but at least 6,000 people are dead; one million displaced – cities, towns and villages wrecked.

The economy is in free-fall; the currency has lost two thirds of its value, and creditors are unwilling to bail it out. The biggest creditor is: Russia, with a £2 billion bond due for repayment by the end of 2015.

What do those protesters think now? What next? A failed European state of 4.2 million people. What of those western and Welsh politicians who praised the 'revolutionaries'?  
Christopher Short,  
Barry.

## News from the Bridgend Bridge Club

THE results at recent events were:

Wednesday, April 8:  
First, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; third, Debbie Lea and Emer Disley.

Thursday, April 9:  
First, John Henson and Mike Williams; second, Geoff and Christine Tinkler; joint third, Teresa Griffiths and Linda Jenkins; Colin Lewis and Stuart Davies.

Friday, April 10:  
First, Marjorie Morris and Jane Brook; second, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; third, John Evans and Bill Turner.

Winners on handicap were Liam Sheridan and John Beard.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at

Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hill, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their Bridge. Further information can be obtained by calling Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138.

Members can also take advantage of the 'Tip of the week' on the club website, primarily to assist new players and improvers. This can be found under Bridge Lessons in the left hand menu.

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## New home for World War One exhibition

AN exhibition marking the bravery and sacrifice of local World War One soldiers, as well as a commemorative display about the history of Penybont Primary School, is on show at Bridgend's Local and Family History Centre at Ty'r Ardd until Friday, May 29.

Previously on show at Carnegie House in Bridgend town centre, the display was created by historian Natalie Murphy to commemorate the rededication of the town's memorial tablets.

Natalie put together a photographic display showing 100 years of the history of Penybont School, and coupled it with a display by Christine Phillips and the Bridgend U3A, which detailed information about the soldiers named on the

memorial tablets and the families they left behind in Bridgend.

Coun Lyn Morgan, Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet member for wellbeing, said: "If you missed the opportunity to see this wonderful commemorative display at Carnegie House, make sure you go along to Ty'r Ardd to view the exhibition and experience the wealth of resources the centre has to offer."

The Local and Family History Centre at Ty'r Ardd is open six days a week and provides the public with access to a substantial collection of research materials.

Staff in the local studies library offer a free hour long tutorial in the use of material held in the library, with particular reference to the Ancestry website.

To book a session, call 01656 754810.

## URBAN SPORTS

A BRAND new event promises "wall-to-wall excitement" this Saturday, with parkour, an indoor skate park and other acrobatic activities all on offer at the Bridgend Life Centre.

The town's first ever 'Unify' event will see a mix of urban and traditional sports brought under one roof. There'll be skateboarding, BMX, parkour demonstrations and classes, mixed martial arts, and the finals of a dance 'battle'.

An indoor skate park will be set up, complete with a full half pipe and mini ramps, as well as an air track, while parkour acrobats will be able to leap around various vaults, scaffolding and other equipment including an air track. Visit www.unifyevent.co.uk for more information.

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## HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL APRIL 23)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
16 Thur	05.02	9.2	17.31	9.3
17 Fri	05.57	9.8	18.24	9.9
18 Sat	06.49	10.3	19.11	10.4
19 Sun	07.35	10.7	19.58	10.5
20 Mon	08.20	10.6	20.38	10.4
21 Tues	08.59	10.3	21.19	10.1
22 Wed	09.44	9.9	21.59	9.6
23 Thur	10.24	9.4	22.39	9.1

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# 17 hopefuls line up to contest two local seats in Parliament

THE deadline for candidates to put themselves forward to contest this year's parliamentary elections on May 7 came and went last Friday, and a total of 17 hopefuls will have their name on the ballot paper.

Labour will be defending both seats in the area.

Huw Irranca-Davies will defend Omore with the security of a massive Labour majority of more than 13,000.

In 2010, he polled 18,664, with the Conservative candidate getting 5,398. The Lib-Dems were third with 5,260, while Plaid were fourth on 3,326.

Also-rans in that election were the BNP (1,242) and UKIP (760). It could be argued that things will change there, as the BNP are not putting a candidate forward, while UKIP have made strides on a national level.

This year, Omore has seven candidates, while Bridgend voters have a mammoth 10 options to choose from.

In the Bridgend constituency, Labour's Madeleine Moon was elected in 2010 with a much smaller majority

by PHILIP IRWIN

(2,263) than Huw Irranca-Davies. She polled 13,931, while her Conservative opponent recorded 11,668.

In third place were the Lib-Dems, with 8,658. Plaid were fourth with just 2,269. The BNP (1,020) and UKIP (801) were tail-enders in this constituency too.

The Bridgend candidates, in alphabetical order, are as follows:

David, Aaron – Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition.

Davies, Anita Dawn – Liberal Democrat.

Elston, David Anthony – Official Pirate Party.

Jenkins, Meirion – Welsh Conservative.

Jones, Caroline – UKIP.

Lloyd, Adam John – National Front.

Moon, Madeleine – Labour.

Radcliffe, James Christopher – Plaid Cymru.

Tallon-Morris, Les – Independent.

White, Tony – Green Party.

The Omore candidates, in alphabetical order, are as follows:

Brophy, Laurie – Green Party.

Davies, Glenda – UKIP.

Francis, Gerald Leslie – Liberal Democrats.

Irranca-Davies, Huw – Labour.

March, Jane – Conservative.

Saunders, Emma – Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition.

Thomas, Tim – Plaid Cymru.

All the 17 Bridgend county borough candidates have given addresses in their constituency, with three exceptions.

Tony White, standing for the Green Party in Bridgend, has given an address in Neath.

Also in Bridgend, Conservative candidate Meirion Jenkins has given an address in Sutton Coldfield.

In Omore, Jane March, the Conservative candidate, has given an address in Tonbridge, Kent.

## PORTHCAWL BURGLARIES: POLICE ISSUE A WARNING

POLICE are urging residents to report any suspicious behaviour following a spate of burglaries in Porthcawl on April 8.

The break-ins happened between 5.30pm and 8.10pm on New Road and Green Avenue in Porthcawl, said Police Sergeant Mark Simmonds.

"The incidents appear to have happened within a three-hour timeframe and we are keeping an open mind about whether they are linked."

"We would urge any witnesses to the break-ins or anyone who saw suspicious activity – people or vehicles – to get in touch as soon as possible."

"Although these happened during daylight hours, the early hours of darkness create the potential for burglaries and residents who do not

arrive home from work until after dark should make sure that the lights in their house turn on with timers.

"We would advise people living in Porthcawl to remain vigilant and make sure they have appropriate security measures in place. We would also ask that residents report suspicious activity to us as soon as possible," he added.

Anyone with information in connection to either burglary should call South Wales Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, quoting reference number 1500121168 or 1500121214.

## Old buildings given new life in Maesteg

A MULTI-million pound scheme has come to an end after restoring and repairing 31 historic buildings in Maesteg.

A spokesman for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) said that over 13 years, the Maesteg Townscape Heritage Initiative has given a new lease of life to a selection of listed buildings and other premises that had become run-down.

Heritage Lottery Funding, together with contributions from Cadw, BCBC and private funding, meant that the town's ageing buildings benefited from £3.4m. As well as a number of properties being given a much-needed facelift, five vacant buildings were brought back into use and the scheme also created more than 50

jobs. The work was carried out in two phases, and the key schemes included the sensitive repair of the Grade II-listed Tabor Chapel and its conversion into residential units. Other prominent listed buildings to benefit include the Maesteg Town Council offices and Maesteg Town Hall.

The properties at 50-51 Commercial Street, which had become an eye-sore along one of the main approaches to the town, were given new windows, a new roof, and were converted from a retail frontage into two residential units. Another critical building was 25a Talbot Street, where a new shop front, paint scheme and restored windows on the first and second floors have transformed the property, creating a new business and several jobs.

Mark Shephard, BCBC's corporate director for communities, said: "This scheme has contributed massively to the economic development of Maesteg. By working with building owners, we have been able to restore a number of properties that were at risk of dilapidation."

"The repairs have been completed to a high standard using traditional methods, and many eye-

sores around the town have been removed.

"For every £1 that the council committed to the Townscape Heritage Initiative, £9.81 of investment was put into Maesteg town centre. It was particularly pleasing that the scheme enabled the conservation of the Tabor Chapel, a landmark building where the Welsh national anthem was first performed, and that is one of many buildings that have been brought back into use thanks to this scheme."

As the second phase of the Maesteg Townscape Heritage comes to a close, new schemes have recently been announced which will see landmarks along Porthcawl's waterfront including the Pilot Lookout Tower, Customs House and the former Knight's Arms public house brought back into use, while Carnegie House, the War Memorial and the old Victoria Inn public house are among the historic buildings to benefit from a facelift in Bridgend town centre.

To find out more about the Townscape Heritage Initiative in Bridgend county borough, contact Claire Hamm or Sue Tomlinson at BCBC on 01656 643164 or 01656 643175.

## CITIZENS' ADVICE AT KPC YOUTH

BRIDGEND county borough's Citizens' Advice Bureau is holding one-to-one sessions at KPC in Pyle to give advice and help in dealing with debt, managing a budget and benefits entitlements.

To book a slot at the sessions, which run on a Thursday between 10am and 12 midday, call Alison on 01656 749219.

The next sessions will be on Thursday, April 16, and then Thursday, May 7, and from then on will run on the first and third Thursday of each month.

## Merthyr Mawr members join centenary service for WI

MERTHYR MAWR WI NEWS

IN March, four members of Merthyr Mawr WI attended the centenary service at Llandaff Cathedral.

The service opened with the banner procession with 90 ladies carrying the banner for their respective WI.

It was a wonderful service with beautiful music and it centred around the history and contribution the WI has made to British life over the last 100 years.

Gwerfil Gardner presented the WI Resolution at the April meeting which calls on HM Government to: "Remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care in the assessment of the needs of individuals in order to advance health and well

being".

There is a concern that inequality in how needs are assessed is leading to vulnerable people being denied their right to NHS Continuing Care.

This results in an unfair system as there is uneven access to NHS Continuing Care across the UK and many families have to rely on local authority social care to which they may have to contribute financially.

A good debate followed and the resolution was supported by all the members.

The next meeting will be the annual general meeting on Wednesday, May 6, at Corn Town Community Hall, new members are always welcome.

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## National Gardens scheme restarts

THE National Gardens Scheme supports garden owners to open their personal and private gardens for various caring charities.

First to open is Slade garden in Southerndown, where Heritage Coast wardens will give guided tours of adjacent Dunraven Gardens with slide shows every hour from 2pm.

Opening information: Saturday April 25, Sunday April 26 (2pm - 5pm). Admission £4, children free. Home-made teas.

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# Latest county borough planning proposals Who wants to build what and where?

Mr Brian Nicholas – 24 Austin Avenue, Laleston – Lopping and trimming of Ash tree and Sycamore tree.

Persimmon Homes West Wales – Former Ogmere Comprehensive School playing fields, Abergarw Road, Brynmenyn – Residential development for 132 dwellings and associated works including demolition of former caretaker's cottage.

Mrs Joy Parish – 53 Danygraig Avenue, Porthcawl – Reconstruct and re-roof existing front bay, internal structural alteration and detached garage extension.

Mr S Harris – Field at Cefn Carfan Isaf Farm, Bryncethin – New vehicular access to field A 12' farm gate.

Homestyle Care Ltd – The White House, Briary Way, Brackla – Change of use of existing dwelling to residential care home and two

storey extension. Mr Richard Barry – 40 Long Acre Drive, Nottage – Proposed two storey side extension with the addition of dormer windows, hall and WC extension, garage extension.

Mr and Mrs M Pearce – 8 Brynteg Avenue, Bridgend – Rear single storey extension. Mr B David – 88 Pishgah Street, Kenfig Hill – Extend planning consent P/10/338/RLX for further five years (for nine flats with car parking).

Mr Owen Carter – 56 Woodland Park, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend – Proposed new front porch/extension.

Mr R Phillips – Three Horse Shoes Inn, 57 Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr – Change of use from a public house to two individual dwellings and dormer extension to rear and elevational alterations.

Mr M Waldron – Land rear of Tair

Waun Place, Maesteg – Prior notification for a new agricultural building to store hay and machinery.

Right to Buy Homes Ltd – Harden House, 115 Oxford Street, Pontycymer – Convert offices to six three-storey dwellings.

Mr David Price – 18 Talbot Terrace, Maesteg – Two storey extension to rear.

Infinite Sirius – Haregrove Farm, Laleston – Alternative internal access track to the consented wind turbine affecting footpath 9B Laleston.

Mr D Llewellyn – Fairview, Ffordd y Gyffraith, Bridgend – Non material amendment on P/06/1321/FUL to replace roof with a tiled roof.

Ford Motor Company – Waterton Industrial Estate, Waterton – Erect three security cameras on poles.

Mr David Hill – 132 Mill View Estate, Garth – Single storey porch extension.

Mr Roger Powell – 48 High Street, Nantylfyllon, Maesteg – Two storey extension to rear.

Mr Ryan Price – 16 Victoria Road, Kenfig Hill – Conversion of four bedroom property into two flats (1 x 3 bed and 1 x 2 bed).

## Easter was action-packed with activity!

### PORHCRAWL TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

**WHAT great weather we had over Easter – let's hope it continues! Our usual activities have been continuing since my last report.**

The lunch club met at Beales – always a popular destination.

The indoor games afternoons continue to be very competitive and the literary group discussed the work of the Dorset poet Thomas Hardy.

Our craft group is very productive and the variety of cards they make are sold at guild meetings and coffee mornings making much appreciated money for the guild and charities.

There was another lunch time drama at the Pavilion.

As we get older, particularly in winter time, we don't like going out so much in

the evenings so these are popular.

Our speaker this month, Rev Clive Williams, was a welcome return visitor.

He gave us a most interesting presentation on JS Bach in his amusing and inimitable way, illustrated with gusto on the piano.

We were amazed to hear that Bach had 20 children by two wives!

Our next meeting is on May 13, 2pm at All Saints Church Hall, when Mr Alan Badington will be 'Lost For Words.'

We also have an outing on May 20 to Llaneli House, seats still available, so get in touch if you are interested; telephone 01656 772157.

DOROTHY THOMAS

*Pampering, an Easter egg hunt, litter, and a coffee morning...*

### Beautification!

**THE recently held pamper evening organised by local resident Michelle Hopkins, in the Treoes Community Hall two weeks ago, was an outstanding success.**

Speaking to a few ladies who took part, they were all in agreement that it was a most enjoyable event; £60 was raised through the raffle and tombola, which will be donated to Saron Chapel.

### Egg hunt

**ON Sunday, April 12 yet another fundraising event took place in Treoes, with Friends of Saron organising an Easter egg hunt which took children from one end of the village to the other.**

Then it was into the Saron Chapel where every child received a chocolate egg. The vestry became the venue for a welcome cup of tea or coffee with a lovely selection of homemade cakes.

It proved what can be achieved when everyone puts a little effort into a local event.

The next service at Saron will take place on Sunday, April 19 at 3pm, with officiating cleric Rev Trevor Harry. Everyone will receive a warm welcome.

### Litter campaign

**ON Sunday, April 12 members of Treoes litter campaign joined forces**

**to undertake a litter pick along the lanes coming into the village, and 20 bags of rubbish were collected.**

The members would like to thank Tim Wort, the Vale representative for Keep Wales Tidy, for his support in providing litter pickers, gloves and bags.

Look out for the Treoes Litter campaign (TLC) Facebook page.

Unfortunately, much of the rubbish thrown out of cars is not from the local village residents but by motorists passing through to reach the A48.

They do not contemplate the problems caused to animals. If any local resident witnesses this, try to make a note of the vehicle number plate and report it to the appropriate authority.

### St Canna's, Llangan

**ON Saturday morning, April 25 there will be the annual coffee morning at 10am.**

As in previous years, there will be an abundance of super homemade cakes, the ever popular raffle for those lucky enough to win the lovely prizes, and of course, the welcome cup of tea or coffee!

There are also areas for the children to play. Please support this event as so much work and enthusiasm goes into making it a success.

### NEWS FROM THE SKER WI

**A WELL attended monthly meeting was held on April 9 in St David's Church Hall, Nottage, when president Nora Williams addressed the meeting.**

Secretary Cynthia Sidey read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved and signed, together with WI news and announcements.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs Pat Johnson whose subject

was 'What goes on in my shed?' All was quite unique. The intriguing title was only surpassed by the talented lady herself who, after retiring from schoolteaching studied the art of felt-making for three years.

She humorously demonstrated the complex process and history of this art. Samples of silks and raw fleece wool accompanied her talk, with countless lovely garments, hats and scarves in her range

on display, and for sale. Each garment is quite unique.

She modelled her hats, some of which were quite comical and her antics brought the house down.

On May 14 is the annual meeting, when members will be parading in their 'Ascot' finery to compete for the prettiest hat. Among upcoming events this month are our birthday supper on April 27 and GWFI fashion show and lunch at Norton House

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## Busy times for the Wick pensioners

**AS usual, Wick Pensioners' Club have been very busy with a full and exciting programme of activities.**

A recent joint 'Christmas lunch' with Wick Youth Club in the Lamb and Flag, Wick followed by a quiz and bingo, was very successful.

Wick Youth Club were very good indeed at looking after the pensioners and keeping them well serviced. The chair of Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan NHS Community Council has spoken to the club about the developing services available through the NHS and this talk was followed by a lively discussion.

At the recent AGM, Ron Ayres was re-elected chair, Fay McGuinness deputy chair, Margaret Deary secretary, George Jeffery treasurer.

The committee were also re-elected.

The club has a full programme of coach trips, including Carmarthen, Abergavenny and lunch and a train ride on the Brecon Mountain Railway. The club will have a book and tombola stall at the Wick fete on June 6.

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# Carer Kelly takes on a marathon run for brain disease cause

**A WOMAN from Nottage, Porthcawl, will be supporting a brain disease charity when she takes on the London Marathon in a few weeks.**

Kelly Carr (35), started her training in December 2014 when she could barely run 5km. Now, four months on, Kelly has come on in leaps and bounds and runs 25km weekly to prepare herself for Britain's most famous marathon.

Kelly, a full-time carer was inspired to run the marathon after completing a front-facing abseil in Bolivia last year.

"I decided I needed another challenge and what better way to challenge myself than to run the London Marathon?"

"I had such a great response and amazing support from my friends and family, so I thought I'd try something a little different this year," said Kelly.

Just like her abseil, Kelly will be running the Virgin Money London Marathon to raise money and awareness for the little known neurological condition Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) after her mother Yvonne Williams (69), was diagnosed with the condition in 2013.

PSP is a neurological condition which is caused by the progressive death of nerve cells in the brain. Over time, people diagnosed with PSP are robbed of the ability to walk, talk, feed themselves and communicate effectively.

The average life expectancy from the onset of symptoms is seven years.

Kelly, who trains in between caring for her mum full-time said: "Abseiling is very different to running but I chose this challenge because I wanted to show people how PSP severely affects people's mobility."

"No doubt I will find it difficult to walk after the marathon due to the exertion on my legs, but that will return. People with PSP aren't able to get back their ability to walk or run, the condition takes that away from them," she added.

Kelly, will also be showing her support for the PSP Association (PSPA), the only national charity which supports people with PSP, by running her marathon with a frayed lace. The lace is part of



**ABOVE:**  
Kelly and Yvonne.

PSPA's campaign 'Ed's lace' which aims to illustrate the progressive nature of PSP.

"I'm making sure I've got all bases covered in regards to awareness raising. PSP is a relatively unheard of and anything I can do to try and raise awareness I will."

Kelly has almost reached her fundraising goal of £1,500 having already raised over £1,150.

If you would like to support Kelly, contact <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/KellyCarr>.

## The Major Music project is extending its opening hours

**MAJOR MUSIC (now under new management by YMCA Barry) is extending music workshops to a Thursday evening.**

The studio at Llantwit Youth Centre will be

open for any young person between the ages of 11 to 24, to rehearse, record and make music. Entrance to the studio will be £1.

Major Music will still continue its main workshop on a Tuesday evening, but due to the

demand will now be opening up on a Thursday evening from 6.30pm until 9pm.

Major Music is entering a new phase in its long history. Phil Kirkham and Dave Roberts founded the music charity over 10

years ago, and without their commitment and support, there would be no music facility for young people in Llantwit Major. It is testament to their hard work and the support of volunteers that Major Music is now one of the most exciting music projects for young people in the Vale.

YMCA Barry will now be taking over the project and with the support of Anthea Clements, YMCA chief executive, and her team aims to build on the success of the project, targeting young people across the Vale.

Anthea said: "The founding members, committee members and volunteers have worked tirelessly over the last 10 years plus to make Major Music a sustainable music project for young people to access."

"Major Music would not have gone from strength to strength and be in the position it is today without their support. A big thank you to all those involved in helping and supporting the young musicians."

## PLANS FOR AN 'ALL-THROUGH' SCHOOL IN KENFIG HILL MOVE STEP CLOSER

**PLANS to create an 'all-through' school in Kenfig Hill for three to 11-year-olds are set to get the go-ahead following an overwhelming show of support from parents, teachers, pupils and the local community.**

A public notice is to be issued after a series of consultation exercises were carried out on proposals to merge Mynydd Cynffig Infants School with Mynydd Cynffig Junior School from September 2015.

Infants school headteacher Amanda Stanford is due to retire in July, and an opportunity has arisen to develop new arrangements.

Under the proposals, Mynydd Cynffig Infants School will continue to operate on its current site until infants and juniors can be accommodated on the same site.

There will be one headteacher for the new school – Mr Neil Davies – and one governing body, that of Mynydd Cynffig Primary School.

The budget for the new Mynydd

Cynffig Primary School will also be increased to fund the costs of the move, with an overall saving expected to be made on the cost of operating two separate schools.

Coun Huw David, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "We've undertaken comprehensive consultation and we've had an almost unanimous show of support from the infants' school."

"There was real engagement with pupils, staff, governors and parents, and this proposal is seen by many in the local community as a natural progression which is taking place across the county borough."

"Both schools are very good schools already and I'm sure that they will continue to improve. They have both always worked very closely and successfully together to ease the transition from infants to juniors."

"Creating an all-through primary school under the management of one headteacher – albeit on separate sites initially – will bring even greater continuity to the educational experience of the pupils."

## Bridgend Ramblers' walks

**BRIDGEND Ramblers have published their spring/summer walks programme, which includes a series of short Wednesday evening walks. (See the programme on our website [www.bridgendramblers.co.uk](http://www.bridgendramblers.co.uk)). You don't have to be a member to come along and try out rambling, everyone is welcome and can usually bring their dogs as well!**

If you're on Facebook, check us out at Bridgend Ramblers. We're running a fortnightly series of rambling/walking themed songs and looking for further inspiration. The selection so far is quite eclectic from 'Ramblin' Rose' to 'I'm Walking Backwards for Christmas'. The most popular with our followers was 'I Love To Go A Wandering'.

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# WITH JUST THREE MONTHS TO GO... Generous businesses give Jack's sporting dream a vital boost

by TIM CHAPMAN



ABOVE: Jack Cafaro's dream of representing Wales is still alive thanks to the generosity of the local business community.

A young sportsman's dreams of representing Wales at the Fencing Commonwealth Games in July have received a huge boost thanks to local businesses.

In March, The GEM reported that Jack Cafaro (16) from St Athan was hoping to make the trip to South Africa as part of the Welsh fencing team – the only problem was the £2,600 cost of the trip.

At the time his grandmother Sue explained: "It's the opportunity of a lifetime for Jack. He's been selected for Wales by getting the required competition points and having commitment and dedication."

The family were desperate not to see Jack's hopes shattered, and following the article in The GEM, Sue armed herself with a copy on a trip to Llandow Trading Estate.

Sue said: "I went round knocking on doors for a couple of hours and the garages were very good – donating figures of between £25 and £50 here and there. Topstak donated £300. I want to thank them and all the business people on the estate."

In total, Sue raised £600, and last weekend the family received some thrilling news.

"The Bryn Illtyd Trust has awarded Jack £600!"

It means just £1,400 is now needed to cover the costs of the trip.

Sue added: "Nisa supermarket will allow Jack to grocery pack on May 9 in Llantwit. We've also got a 'bag pack' planned at

Tesco on the Port Road in Barry on July 4, just a few days before he leaves for South Africa."

The family will also be doing a car boot sale in Sully.

Jack, who attends St Richard Gwyn High School in Barry, said: "My ultimate ambition is to represent Wales at the Olympics, possibly in Tokyo in 2020."

He joined Llantwit Major Fencing Club at the age of 11 and is being coached by Dr Gordon Kingston.

"I saw a story in The GEM featuring another local fencer, James Harrington who got to the Commonwealth Games. I met him and Gordon and wanted to get involved."

"I started with the 'foil' because because it improves your footwork."

Now, Jack competes in épée, in which strikes can be made against all parts of the body and are recorded electronically.

"Fights are a mixture of the mental and physical. Older fencers might not have the reaction speed, but are able to keep their distance and use their mind. Younger fighters might not be as astute, but use their speed."

Fighters progress in tournaments after round-robin contests.

The Fencing Commonwealth Games take place in Cape Town from July 11-17.

If you can help Jack achieve his dream by providing some funding, please contact Sue at: [suejones125@gmail.com](mailto:suejones125@gmail.com).

## Art society holds spring exhibition in Old Police Station



THE Porthcawl Art Society's spring exhibition was opened by Suzy Davies AM when the winners were:

1, Lydia Nicholson; 2, Clive Callan; 3, Wendy Davies-Williams.

Most Original: Elaine Evans. Highly Commended: Jeff Barnes.

Pictured here are the winners with Suzy Davies AM and Coun David Newton-Williams.

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## Cwmfelin pupils find wartime medal on the school playing field

THE children at Cwmfelin Primary School recently found a medal in the school playing field while making a willow garden.

Following contact with the Maesteg Royal British Legion, the World War One medal was researched by Mr Roy Meredith, who found that it belonged to a Mr George Holmes, born in Cwmdy Street, Maesteg and served with 228 Battery Royal Garrison Artillery, which supported the 4th Canadian Division at the Battle of Vimy Ridge, France.

"Mr Holmes returned from the war to a reception at Cwmfelin School, which is when we believe the medal was lost," said a council spokesman.

"In a joint effort between Maesteg Town Council and the Royal British Legion – Maesteg branch, the medal was framed, along with his cap badge and military records, and presented at a ceremony in Cwmfelin School on March 25.

"A poppy wreath was also laid at the school and later at the Maesteg Cemetery, where he was buried following his death in 1964."



## Drummer takes on non-stop 40-hour charity challenge!

A musician is taking on an unusual 40th birthday challenge – that of playing non-stop for 40 hours to raise cash for the international charity, Water Aid.

Starting at 8am tomorrow (Friday, April 17), Iolo Whelan, a professional drummer and drum tutor from St Hilary in the Vale, will be playing drums and percussion non-stop for those 40 hours, to celebrate his 40th birthday. He will be able to put down the drum sticks at midnight on Saturday (April 18).

He is a member of the Celtic roots band, Jamie Smith's Mabon, and has his own jazz quartet.

Because the chosen venue for the attempt has a limited capacity, it will be shown online as it happens at:

[www.iolowhelan.com/bigbash](http://www.iolowhelan.com/bigbash). The build-up can be followed on Twitter @TheBigBash2015

Iolo has called the event 'The Big Bash 2015' and it will not be one long drum solo!

He said: "I did a 24-hour non-stop drumming when I was 24, and coped quite well with that. However, I'm worried that the quality of my drumming might tail off as we get into that second day."

"I've spoken to other musicians who have tackled similar challenges and that was



ABOVE, Iolo Whelan: he will be drumming non-stop for 40 hours for Water Aid.

the problem they reported."

Iolo told The GEM: "It promises to be a feast of music, with a jazz evening, open workshops, a mighty drum battle, acoustic sessions and live bands among the highlights."

"My pupils have been busy raising sponsorship as well, and will be joining me to drum up support."

"There will be plenty of events to enjoy on the webcast. I have been practising, but anything could happen on the day, and that'll be the fun of it – it's all live."

"Of course, the main purpose

is to raise money for a great cause. WaterAid provides clean water for people who need it all over the world, and I'm proud to support their work."

The Big Bash 2015 will start at 8am tomorrow and continue until midnight on Saturday (April 18).

You can watch all the events at: [www.iolowhelan.com/bigbash](http://www.iolowhelan.com/bigbash), and donate by texting 'BIGB75 £x' to 70070, with 'x' being the amount, eg. £1, £10, £100. Iolo's target is £4,000, and every donation helps. The running order for acts can be found on the above website.



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## WORLD BOOK NIGHT

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The library is hosting an event with local poet and entertainer Mike Church on Thursday, April 23, to mark the fifth World Book Night. Starting at 7pm, the evening will include a book giveaway, free DVD/CD loans vouchers and a chance to win a year-long CD subscription.

Coun Lyn Morgan, Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet member for wellbeing, said: "Run by the national charity, The Reading Agency, the World Book Night campaign brings together publishers, printers, distributors, libraries, and booksellers to try and inspire more people to feel confident and enthusiastic about picking up a book."

"Reading can really make a difference to people's lives and also give them equal opportunities they may not otherwise have."



# Brynteg pupils land engineering awards

**BRYNTEG had two year-12 Engineering Education Scheme Wales (EESW) teams who worked with Spectrum Technologies this year.**

Monday, March 16 saw both groups attend the Celtic Manor for what was the 25th anniversary of the EESW and the 25th year of the school's involvement.

A school spokesman said: "We had two teams this year, split into boys and girls. Both teams worked on the same brief: 'Removing small sections of wire insulation known as slugs from the end of an insulated conductor'. The insulation is made from

PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene), essentially Teflon. "This had to be carried out without damaging the conductor in any way, known as a No-Nick approach.

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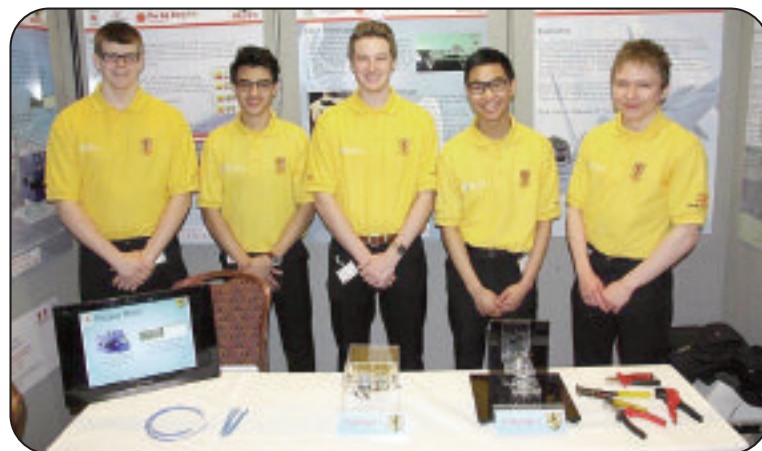
"Both teams worked very well throughout the scheme which started in October, giving up a vast number of free lessons, lunch-times and after-school sessions.

"They were all excellent ambassadors for the school, highly commended by both Wales' First Minister Carwyn Jones and Professor Julie Williams (chief scientific adviser for Wales) and their hard work and effort paid dividends when the girls' team was awarded 'Best Presentation of the Chosen Solution' – sponsored by RWE, the boys' team 'Best Engineering Design' sponsored by Murco.

"Each prize was worth £500, with each pupil getting £50."

BBC news reporter and ex-Brynteg pupil Rebecca John did the introductions on stage.

In addition Mr Catton was presented with a Gold Award recognising Brynteg's commitment as a school to the EESW since the birth of the scheme 25 years ago.



ABOVE: The boys' team (left to right) Elliot Stoddart, Waleed Ahmed, Daniel Butlin, Gene Catangui and Kacper Fabian.

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ABOVE: The girls' team (left to right) Lucy Elliot, Lowri Prosser, Jessica Lamin, Mr Catton, RWE representative, Peighton Thomas, Harriet Richardson and Ffion Smith.

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LEFT:

Coun Gary Thomas and Layla Miller (winner section One).



ABOVE: Sian Davies and Anwen-Angharad Dixon (winner of section two).



ABOVE: The adjudicators (left to right) were: Grant Llewellyn, Rebecca Evans, and Callum Thomson



ABOVE: Alun Hodges and Eirlys Myfanwy Davies

## Laleston Women's Institute

THE April meeting was opened with members and a new guest warmly welcomed by the president, Margaret Ayles, followed by the minutes being approved and signed.

Business details included transport arrangements for the fashion show lunch in Mumbles and the council meeting in Port Talbot.

Dates for the monthly luncheon and book clubs were also arranged. Members agreed they have a busy time before their next meeting.

The guest speaker Margaret Rogers then gave a very interesting talk on her experiences as an Olympic 'games maker' in the summer of 2012. She led the members through her reasons for volunteering, the selection process, security checks and her uniform, which everyone thought was very smart, along with anecdotes of her duties and people she had met, including Lord Sebastian Coe.

A vote of thanks was given by Joan Rule.

The next meeting on May 7 will be the annual meeting and members were reminded that nominations for the committee would be welcomed, and there will also be a bring and buy stall, organised as usual by Barbara Rees.

The WI meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.15pm in Laleston Gardening Club, at which guests and new members are always welcome. Contact Margaret on 01656 660384 for further information.

## Tynyrheol Primary School

KERRY JONES, the headteacher would like to inform carers of children at the school that the national literacy and numeracy tests will be taking place from Tuesday, May 5 until Tuesday, May 12. All pupils from year-2 to year-6 will be taking these tests.

The percentage attendance for the year so far for each class is as follows: Class 1, 89.9 per cent; Class 2, 94.4 per cent; Class 3, 96.5 per cent.

Overall attendance for the school currently stands at 94 per cent this is below the school's target of 97 per cent, but she is hoping that it will improve by the end of the year.

Kerry would like to congratulate the members of the Eco Club for their excellent entries in the Bridgend Fairtrade competition. Rhosyn Wong was selected as one of the winners and received a WH Smith gift voucher and a certificate. Well done everyone!

Also, well done to Mrs Munro and the year-5 team who have reached the finals of the Bridgend Road Safety Quiz. The members of the team are Tygan Crocker, Shannon Matthews, Madison Parry, Ellie Street, Gethyn Thomas and Rhosyn Wong. Good luck in the finals!

The following pupils have received a book for being the most improved reader in their class this term. Well done!

Class 1, Sophie Jones; Class 2, Lewis Barnes; Class 3, Rhidian John.

Well done to those pupils who took part in the cross country event at Coleg Y Dderwen. The results are as follows: Year 3/4 girls – Zoe Baird came 72nd; Year 3/4 boys – Gethyn Lewis came 14th; Year 5/6 boys – Tyler Williams came 34th.

## Maesteg competition

I ATTENDED the Dunraven Windows 'Young Welsh Singer of the Year' competition at Maesteg Town Hall organised by the Maesteg Gleemen male voice choir last Saturday evening.

The adjudicators were Rebecca Evans, international opera star, Grant Llewellyn, musical director of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra and Callum Thompson, producer of digital and learning at the BBC's National Orchestra of Wales.

The accompanists were Sian Davies, daughter of the renowned and recently deceased pianist Bryan Davies; Suzanne Hodges, accompanist for the Maesteg Gleemen; Ryan Wood, accompanist for Cór Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch male choir; and Aleksandra Myslek from Warsaw, accompanist for one of the competitors, Lukasz Karauda.

The competitors are divided into three sections – 11 to 14 years; 15 to 18 years; and 19 to 28 years.

The three competitors in the first section were Tessa Castenera-Webber, St Clare's School, Porthcawl; Matthew Daly, Bryntirion Comprehensive School, Bridgend; Layla Miller, Porthcawl Comprehensive School.

The winner was Layla Miller, who performed 'With Yoyu' from the musical *Ghost*, and Robert Arwyn's song, 'Anfonaf Angel'.

The three competitors in the second section were Lauren Coates, Bryntirion Comprehensive School, Bridgend; Lucy Vinen, Porthcawl Comprehensive School; Anwen-Angharad Dixon, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.

The winner was Anwen-Angharad Dixon with song from Brahms 'I'r Eos' (An Die Nachtigall) and 'The girl from 14G' by Jeanine Tesori.

The winners of these two groups received the Bryan Davies trophy and a prize to the value of £500.

The runners-up in each category received a personal prize of £50 and a voucher for £50.

There were five competitors in the final section, they were Angharad Lyddon – mezzo, Royal Academy Opera; Huw Montagu Rendall – baritone, Royal College of Music; Andrew Henley – tenor, Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama; Eirlys Myfanwy Davies – mezzo soprano, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; Lukaz Karauda – baritone, Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

The winner was Huw Montague Rendall with Mozart's 'Hai Gia vinta la causa' from *Le Nozze de Figaro*; Gounod's 'Avant de quitter ces lieux' from *Faust*; Strauss's 'Nachtgag'; and Warlock's 'Yarmouth Fair'.

The winner received £2,500 and a perpetual trophy. Each runner-up received £500.

The compère for the evening was BBC presenter Beverley Humphreys.

The Maesteg Gleemen male voice choir, under musical director Alun Hodges, provided the entertainment while the adjudicators pondered over their difficult task.

Adjudicators were full of praise for each individual competitor, and stated that they had witnessed world class performances.

Rebecca Evans also offered each of the competitors in sections one and two a masterclass session.

The prizes were presented by Coun Gary Thomas, Mayor of Bridgend CBC, Sian Davies, Suzanne Hodges and Alun Hodges.

# Police give a warning after local burglaries

SOUTH Wales Police have issued a warning to residents to ensure they are keeping their homes safe and secure after a spate of burglaries in Maesteg, where officers have received reports of three burglaries over the past few weeks.

The first was in Jenkins Terrace, Cwmfelin, between 7pm on Monday, April 6 and 7pm on Tuesday, April 7. In this case the burglars stole musical equipment including guitars, pedals, amplifier, microphones and power cables.

Another incident took place in Upper Street, Maesteg, between 9.30pm and 10.30pm on Sunday, April 12. Thieves stole an iPhone, Kindle, PlayStation and two televisions, as well as items of jewellery.

The third was at Y Goedlan, Cwmfelin, overnight on Sunday, April 12 into Monday, April 13 when burglars opened a garage and stole a yellow Karcher power washer, power tools and a golf bag.

Neighbourhood Inspector Paul Thomas said: "We would like to, once again, remind residents of the importance of locking all doors, including patio doors and windows prior to going to bed. Make sure keys are not kept in locks and don't leave them near doors or windows."

"It only takes an opportunist thief a few moments to sneak into a house and steal property before leaving the same way they got in."

Police are also appealing for witnesses to come forward if they see any suspicious activity.

Inspector Thomas continued: "Suspicious activity can include people trying door handles in the street, as they could be looking for an unlocked door. By calling police you could help to prevent a crime."

Anyone with information or who notices anybody acting suspiciously in their area, should contact South Wales Police on 101. Alternatively, if you believe a crime is being committed call 999.

# ...and beware of charity scam!

SOUTH Wales Police are issuing a warning to residents to beware of people going door to door soliciting donations, following what appears to be a scam in the Vale. Most of the incidents have happened in Penarth.

Two men appear to be canvassing for Unicef, but Unicef UK have confirmed that the men are not authorised to fundraise for the charity.

If a member of the public has doubts about the authenticity of a fundraiser, then Unicef UK would advise them to contact the charity's supporter care team on 03003 305580.

The scammers are currently using Unicef as a cover, but may in fact also use other charities to sell the deceit.

If you have been scammed, contact South Wales Police on 101.

# THE CIRCUS IS BACK IN PORTHCAWL!

CIRCUS MONDAO is back in Porthcawl by popular demand, a traditional family circus that provides entertainment for the whole family.

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"There is just so much going on – be sure not to miss this show, which offers nearly two hours of live entertainment. Hurry down to Porthcawl to reserve your seats (office open from 10am, April 19) 07722791777. See the flyer in the paper for all details and to get tickets at half price."








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## Probud's new chairman

AT a well-attended meeting of the Llantrisant & District Probud Club, held at Pontyclun Rugby Football Club on March 17, Mr Len Morris of Miskin (far right) was elected chairman for the ensuing year. "All officers' posts were filled and so the club looks forward to a busy and full year, with speakers and visits to places of interest," said spokesman Bill Thomas.



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## Late night walk highlights sleepless nights for mums!

**MOST** of us will think nothing of having a decent night's sleep. But for mums like Nichola Smith, a good night's sleep is a rare luxury.

This is because her five-year-old son, Lewis, has a rare genetic condition called Tuberous Sclerosis and, like many children and young people supported by Tŷ Hafan, requires 24-hour care.

"When I think of my daily routine, it really starts at midnight, rather than the normal 6am or 7am," said Nichola. An average night involves pain management, including giving medication and abdominal massages, washing him, feeding him and dealing with seizures."

When the morning finally arrives, Nichola will tackle day-to-day tasks like mealtimes and the school-run with daughter, Holly, as well as caring for Lewis and organising appointments and ordering medication.

This is why Nichola, of Llantwit Fardre, is such a supporter of Tŷ Hafan's Wales Onesie Walk, organised to raise vital funds and awareness of the challenges families like hers face.

Now entering its fifth



Night time walk 2014.

year, the Tŷ Hafan night-time walk taking place on Friday, June 26 starts and finishes at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

Nichola said: "I'd like to thank all the ladies who take part in the night-time walks. They are always such fun and highlight some of the difficulties that families like ours face."

Tŷ Hafan offers a range of services for life-limited children and their families, one of which is providing short-break care to children and their families at its hospice in the Vale of Glamorgan, so families can take time out from their caring duties.

Emily Fradd, marketing and events

coordinator at Tŷ Hafan, said: "The vast majority of Tŷ Hafan's funding comes from charitable donations and fundraising. The Wales Onesie Walk is one of the activities raising these vital funds."

The event, sponsored by Cardiff's Walkabout – the official venue of the Wales Onesie Walk after-party – has had a makeover. This year walkers are required to wear a onesie and can choose from a choice of 5km or 10km routes, both ending at midnight.

Emily added: "It's a magical night-time walk, with the camaraderie between the hundreds of women taking part, creating a wonderful

atmosphere. As well as the walk, there will be pamper sessions, music, games and prizes before the event, and the usual glow packs and giveaways on offer."

The Wales Onesie Walk is a ladies-only event starting at 10pm. Men are not being left out as Tŷ Hafan needs male marshals to provide a clear and safe route for the ladies taking part.

Entry is just £10 per person and each walker is asked to raise £50 in sponsorship.

To register, or for more information, visit [www.walesonesiewalk.co.uk](http://www.walesonesiewalk.co.uk).

**RUTH KEARNEY**

## U3A hears of Valeways' work

**THE** speaker at Sully U3A's April meeting was Dr Meirion Morgan, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Valeways.

It was formed in 1996 and is a voluntary organisation which supports a wide range of volunteers to re-open and promote the Vale of Glamorgan's countryside. It supports the community in opening a sustainable network of public Rights of Way and promotes the accessibility of the Valeways footpath network.

There are many ways for volunteers to become involved and they come from various organisations and businesses as well as students and members of the community.

Volunteers can take part in work parties clearing overgrown vegetation and litter from footpaths, the installation of stiles, posts and bridges, leading walks,



photography, IT support, administrative help and project management.

Dr Morgan said the work of the volunteers was invaluable and more are always needed. He gave members an overview of the walks led by Valeways volunteers where anyone can turn up

and go! He was thanked by chairman, Jean Bispham.

The Knitters and Stitchers group has once again been busy and members have decorated the outside of The Old School with Easter eggs, chicks and bunnies. Some of the items made

were used in the decoration of St John Baptist Church, Sully on Easter Sunday.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 14 at 2 pm in The Old School, Sully, when Don Llewellyn will be talking on 'The Brains Behind The Mob'. SC



# VALE CARE HOME IS DRIVING FORWARD WORK ON DEMENTIA

**A CARE home manager from the Vale has drawn praise for her work behind the camera after the innovative work of her care home in Penarth thrust her into a new line of work in film making.**

Dawn Curtis, who manages the Ty Dewi Sant care home in Penarth, was involved both in front of the camera and behind in the making of a series of educational films to help raise awareness of the trials of living with dementia.

The films, entitled Home from Home, will be available as part of a learning resource later in the year, and will provide an opportunity for care staff to reflect on treating people as

individuals and what influences quality of life for people in social care.

As well as featuring in some scenes with residents, Dawn acted as a consultant to the film's producers helping to read drafts of the script to ensure accuracy.

Dawn said: "Several residents and I had small parts. It was really fun and we feel privileged to be involved in such a valuable piece of work."

The Ty Dewi Sant home has recently been shortlisted for a Care Council for Wales Accolade award for the care it provides.

One inventive project in particular that has attracted a lot of praise at the home is the use of an old Ford Mondeo, which now sits in the rural grounds of the home.

Dawn explained: "Our staff use the car to help residents recall memories of past holidays and trips as well as more physical activities such as repairing, washing, and even painting the car."

"As well as enabling our residents to reminisce, the car also provides those who work on it with a great feeling of satisfaction for having undertaken a worthwhile practical task."

"These may sound like mundane tasks to others, but for someone in a care home who is living with dementia, they are valuable experiences that offer a sense of independence."

The film was launched in Chapter Cinema in March as part of the new social care induction awards.



**ABOVE;** Tracey Jones care assistant, Renee Cavanagh, care assistant and Gill Handley, a resident at the home.



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**RIGHT:** Dawn Curtis, care manager, Tracy Jones care assistant, and Malcolm Watson, one of the residents at the home, carry out a spot of car cleaning!



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## CONSERVATIVES UNHAPPY ABOUT CARDIFF AIRPORT'S LATEST PASSENGER NUMBERS

**THE Welsh Conservatives are on the attack after passengers numbers fell at Cardiff Airport in the year August 2013 to July 2014.**

Figures announced last week put the fall at 3.6 per cent, as the airport was used by just over one million passengers.

The Welsh Government has spent around £80 million on the

airport since purchasing it in 2013.

South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies, said: "Passenger numbers have been in steep decline since 2007 and Welsh Labour's purchase of the airport has done little to arrest that slide."

"In fact, the Welsh Labour Government has spent almost £80 million on the airport so far, with

passenger numbers up by a measly 12,000 since they purchased it in 2013

"When the former managing director left suddenly last year it was claimed that the new appointment would oversee a substantial rise in new routes."

"In reality, that appointment has yet to reap any real dividends for the taxpayer and the Welsh public deserves better."



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## Former paralympic swimmer targets more triathlon glory following successful debut

FORMER GB Paralympic swimmer Rhiannon Henry from Bridgend is targeting more success in Para-triathlon, after winning gold in her first competitive race, writes SIMON WILDERSPIN.

Henry and her guide Nicole Walters claimed the victory in the PT5 category at the ITU (International Triathlon Union) World Para-triathlon event in South Africa last month.

And now the 27-year-old is hoping that a passionate home support can cheer her on to more glory when the Para-triathlon comes to south Wales in May.

"The next major event is only 30 minutes from my home, so I'm hoping for a big following," says Rhiannon, whose shy smile gives away her modest demeanour. "I know my family and friends are coming down to support me and with the bike circuit being quite small, the crowd will be quite compact and add to that atmosphere."

The former Bridgend Swimming Club member will be grateful to compete closer to home, having travelled nearly 9,000 miles to make her debut.

"It was an amazing place to have my debut," says Henry, who is still bearing her South African tan. "I was a bit nervous as it was my first triathlon but it all went well."

"Well" is probably an understatement, with Rhiannon finishing four minutes ahead of 2015 ITU World Para-triathlon silver medallist and Great Britain teammate Melissa Reid.

"Melissa is ranked number one and took the gold medal in the Europeans last year and silver at Worlds, so I was quite pleased and surprised at my finish in South Africa."

"The difficult part for me was transferring my swimming from in a pool to open water. I think my coaches were eager to see how I would cope, as some people just can't translate their pool swimming to

open water but I seemed to do it very well."

The four day trip, including two for travel, has left the Loughborough-based athlete tired, but determined for more success, culminating, she hopes, with a plane ticket to Rio 2016.

"The aim of course now is Rio, absolutely. The qualifying for the games is quite complicated but it's to do with how you place in major competitions in the year leading up to it. You're not qualifying for your own spot; you're qualifying for a female spot so the British team then have to choose who the best are. I don't fully understand it; I just get on with it."

Compared to the world of swimming, she admits that her new sport allows her to focus on more events. "There are World and European Championships every year in triathlons and it's great to have a major event that often, as in swimming it was every four years between the games."

"I'll be qualifying for that later in May in Llanelli which will be nice to be involved in. So if I come top two out of the British girls I'll be guaranteed to go to European and Worlds, as well as the test event in Rio in August, which will be the course where the games will be, that will be in August. That'll be amazing, to go over there and experience what it will be like in 2016."

Due to there being three female triathletes, one person will not be guaranteed a start, meaning a place on the Wild Card may be the only way of making it to Brazil. When asked about that option, Rhiannon is forthright with her response: "My aim is not to be in that spot."

And who can blame her. She has achieved two bronze medals in swimming at the Paralympics in Athens 2004, as well as competing at both Beijing 2008 and London 2012, but still feels she has much more to give and is turning the hurt from London 2012 into motivation.

"I missed out in two races at London," she explains. "I finished fourth in both, 0.1

of a second behind bronze in one and then just over a second in the other."

"I found out two years before London that they weren't going to have my two main events (100 fly and 400 freestyle), they had been taken out of the programme. So I had to go for my third, fourth and fifth best events, so I already knew it was going to be a bit of an uphill struggle but I decided to keep at it and try my best to win a medal."

"I was still really pleased with fourth, especially with my 200 medley as that was a personal best, and even though I was a second off bronze, it was still a lifetime best, so I was pleased."

"It's just that one race where I was 0.1 of a second off that really hurts. It was very tough and I think that's why I ended up giving up on swimming."

"Going through two years of solid training for an event that wasn't really my best took its toll on me and I didn't really want to continue after that."

Rhiannon admits it was no knee-jerk reaction that made her retire from the pool after London, citing that she took two full months before arriving to a very tough conclusion.

"It was a very hard decision because I'd been swimming and part of a club since I was eight-years-old. It's just what I did and who I was."

"I didn't want to make a decision straight after London when my emotions were really high so I decided to get back into training and I was enjoying it at first, but then about two months later I just didn't want to do it anymore so I was comfortable knowing I had stopped for the right reasons. But after two years off and now that I'm back in the pool, I am loving it."

For a young girl who was warned off riding bikes due to her being partially sighted, Rhiannon's eye for Rio 2016 gold is anything but!

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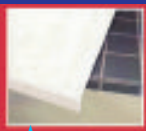
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# 150 Years of Penarth – a trip around Glebe Street ‘shopping centre’ before the docks

**IT'S time to clock off after a day's toil constructing Penarth Dock. Unless you happened to live in Cardiff, the chances were that you would have had accommodation in fledgling Penarth, either as a householder or a lodger, writes BRIAN KEITCH.**

Or, of course, working alongside family – many boys – some as young as eight or nine, in the days before schooling became the norm, were expected to pay their way – often work which was dangerous by nature. It was, after all, still the days of chimney sweeps.

If you were a mason or gentryman, you could expect approximately four shillings and sixpence a day (22p today) – not bad in the 1860s. An attempt by management to cut the pay in November 1863 to compensate for the slow progress in the construction of the works led to an all-out strike.

The stop in working threatened to further delay the opening of the dock – so the men won the day.

With your wages in your pocket a much needed glass of ale

would be welcome – from just two inns in 1851, 10 years later there were 13. More particularly in Penarth 'town' the Windsor Hotel (with its own brewery since 1856), the Ship Hotel, the Plymouth Hotel, The Pilot, The Royal Hotel, the Clive Arms, the St Fagan's Castle, The Golden Lion and – the Penarth Head Inn was still open for business.

A 'glass' of ale would set you back (depending on brand) as little as one old penny (0.83p in today's money). Worthington's Best Ale would cost you twice as much. But what brew? By 1885 Cardiff alone had a head-spinning 18 local breweries, many serving about a dozen public houses.

Back in 1863, the likes of Brains and Hancock's were still light barrels away! Penarth's own brewery – Lovett's (the brewery still stands next to the Windsor Hotel as flats) probably supplied quite a few local hostellers – saving the cost of sending drays from Cardiff.

It certainly had plenty of capacity – an advertisement in the press beams out – 'Visitors to this fashionable resort will do well to try this celebrated Home Brewed Beer, made solely from

Pure Sping Water, Malt and Hops. In casks 4, 5, 9, 18, 36 and 54 gallons'!

Thirsty? The ad goes on: 'Talk not of Fizz or Sherry, For this at least is clear, There's not a beverage in the Land, like Lovett's Home Brew'd Beer. It braces you, it wakens you – It fills you with good cheer: It's meat and drink, and clothes I think – Is Lovett's Home Brew'd Beer!' (Clothes?)

The Penarth Brewery, after several changes of hands seems to have ceased production by the early 1900s. Shame. But, suitably refreshed – how about a trip around town – 1863 style?

Look no further than Glebe Street to fill up your shopping bag – or in those days – cart. No 1 Glebe Street – John Morgan, grocer; No 2 James Howell –

tobacconist; No 3 James Pickford, printer – later founded the Penarth local press with the Penarth Chronicle; No 4 John Phillips – ironmonger; No 5 Susan Pasley – newsagent; No 6 James Slade – florist; No 9 Charles Rowland – umbrella maker; No 11 Benjamin Morris – draper. OK, weekend joint: No 13 David Cornwell – butcher; milk and eggs? No 30 Timothy Driscoll –

dairyman; shoes/boots? – any of these: No 15 George Payne, No 51 James McKenna, No 68 William Finch.

How about some veg with the beef – No 71 Morgan's or No 62 George Cole. Bread? No 64 Richard Draper, baker. Fish for a change? No 65 William Sadler (should ring a bell even today with most Penarthians) or No 70 WG Hayes. Headwear? – No 66 James Lewis – hatter. Something to read? No 67 Rachel Roberts – bookseller. Short back and sides? Try No 47 William Whaley – hairdresser. Pubs? Albion, Golden Lion, St Fagan's Castle Nos 21, 54 and 103 respectively. Later the Prince of Wales Theatre opened up in the same street for your entertainment.

Oh! Fancy a chicken instead? No 97 John Narin – poultry dealer; some new tables and chairs? No 88 E Jones furniture dealer; lick of paint? Look no further than William Johns, No 100. Paper hangings? No 63 Charles Dolve – house decorator. Need some coal for the fire? Pop around to Arcot Street, Edward Brown No 41 or William Thomas No 47 will oblige. New teapot? Same street, No 58

William Williams – china dealer.

Of course, there were no cars, they had not been invented yet – but you may need some provisions for your horse. No problems – there are plenty of providers for grain and hay here! But it was short of eating houses – just No 3 Maughan Terrace, W Males – next door to another pub, Penarth Dock Hotel.

However, tranquility was not far away from the hum-drum of dock building – a pint at the Penarth Head Inn was still on offer – or an easy walk up to the ancient St Augustine's Church with its views across the Severn Sea; or Mor Hafren – with then, dozens of ships anchored off – awaiting the call to enter Cardiff docks.

As work on Penarth dock neared completion, the Penarth Head Inn was demolished to make way for the Custom House where, ironically, is now a restaurant where drinks may be had again! Another unique part of the ancient was destined for the attention of the demolition men.

Permission was granted on July 6, 1865 for the church of St Augustine to make way for an altogether grandiose structure, to reflect the fast-growing

township. The final sermon was preached in the old church on the evening of Monday, July 19 1865 by the Rector Charles Parsons.

This was truly the end of an era. The sermon which was printed by Hugh Bird that year runs to some 2,000 words – though apparently not the complete version delivered that evening.

The next day the workmen arrived to take the church down, to make way for the new edifice.

From the clamour of the new town it was still

a quiet stroll – albeit along steep and often muddy tracks to the beach. The visitor would find just a bank of pebbles up against a track with only a few houses there – Elizabeth Matthews lived in Rock Villa, Edward Morgan, a farmer, lived in Beach Cottage and William Evans resided in Sea Cot.

The Kymin was passed in the descent to the seashore, occupied by John Batchelor JP and somewhere Stuart Stockdale the customs officer presided. In due course a stone esplanade

was constructed – the lifeboat station built and soon the boating and bathing enthusiasts arrived, but it was still farmland all the way to Lavernock and beyond.

The new town was here to stay and expectations ran high for the historic day when the first vessel 'cut the tape' and Penarth Docks were declared open for business (albeit over a year late due to delays).

**NEXT: But why Penarth Dock? Ship collisions all around the coast!**

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# Out and About with The GEM

## Reeves' John Wick is vacuous – BUT OH SO SLICK AND STYLISH

**E**VER since he hit paydirt with the success of *The Matrix* and its two inferior, yet still financially viable, sequels, Keanu Reeves has failed to really set the film world alight, the likes of *Constantine*, *Street Kings* and *The Day The Earth Stood Still* all relatively disappointing.

Having seen his last film, *47 Ronin* (a labour of love for the star) crash and burn at the box office, his latest film sees him take on the revenge thriller genre that has been so profitable for Liam Neeson, in *John Wick*; Reeves plays the titular character, who, having lost his wife, seeks solace in a new companion, a small puppy.

However, when gangsters, led by Alfie Allen's Josef, steal his Mustang car and kill his dogs, Wick's background comes clear – he is a hitman feared by the underworld for his lethal manner, and Wick is intent on making those who have wronged him pay...

The opening 10 minutes of

*John Wick* don't bode particularly well; having seen Keanu Reeves (never the most expressive of actors) attempt to emote following the death of his wife, we find ourselves hurtling into *Marley and Me* territory as he is sent a gift from beyond the grave in the shape of a puppy, its mission – to help John heal and grieve.

Had the rest of this film been a study of grief and eventual acceptance signified through the relationship of John and the dog (who, incredibly, offers the best performance here) then it would have made for a rather mediocre 90 or so minutes.

However, following the robbery that leaves Wick mourning his four-legged friend and the theft of his car, we shift gears quite considerably, as the remainder of the film plays out like one long, uncompromising action sequence – and is all the better for it.

On the surface, there is very little cinematic worth to *John Wick*; there is no real story other than Wick's desire to brutally kill anyone who dares get in his way; but despite this, it still makes for

a pretty entertaining watch, the constant violence punctuated with some wry humour that seems to suggest that both writers and directors sense that playing this too poker faced would spoil the fun.

For example, as well as making the source of Wick's *Death Wish*-esque mission a small puppy, there is a hotel intended exclusively for assassins with a dry as the desert desk clerk, the hotel kitted out with an on call doctor.

Directors Chad Stahelski and David Leitch are better known as fight choreographers, and it certainly shows here, as every sequence is thrillingly staged, with no punches pulled and vicarious violence the order of the day.

While the high octane, bullets and brawn gets a little tedious towards the end, the pair don't make a bad fist of the direction itself, clichéd in places as it may be (a climactic battle in the rain, far too many bird's-eye aerial shots of New York), with the film having a distinct visual identity that lends it some style.

The performances are

nothing to write home about, Reeves' high points being his physicality and ability, even at the age of 50, to deliver such a hard-hitting action performance (it's just a shame he is occasionally required to do some actual acting).

While the villains in Alfie Allen and his cronies are all your common-garden European gangster types, Michael Nyqvist's head gangster gets a little bit more depth and makes for an intriguing, if hammy, bad guy.

However, pulling a film like *John Wick* up for housing poor performances is too much like shooting ducks in a barrel; you don't go into films like this expecting an acting showcase. Instead it offers the blood, guts and bullets that you would expect, and judged on those terms makes for quite a slick and stylish viewing experience – and it also makes a change seeing someone other than Liam Neeson shooting anonymous eastern European gangsters.

**VERDICT:** Some of the least impressive acting you'll see this year, but allied to some of the hardest-hitting



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actions sequences you'll see this year and with a sense of knowing and wit that adds a pleasant note, *John Wick* is a vacuous but slick piece of entertainment. Don't go expecting anything more than stylish, mindless action, and you won't be disappointed. *Enjoyable.*  
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## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

**THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D874.**

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

## WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

### Pressure test

AN event to mark Stroke Awareness Day will be held at Trinity Church, Porthcawl on Saturday, April 18 between 10am and 4pm.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Porthcawl, residents and visitors are invited to have their blood pressure measured.

Tests will be administered by health professionals who are trained to identify potential problems and advise on appropriate action.

### Ward surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Buttrills and Court wards: Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, April 18 from 10am – 11am in the small community room of Barry Library, King's Square. No appointment necessary.

### Candidates on parade

ON behalf of local churches in the Vale of Glamorgan constituency, a husting is to be held on Sunday, April 19 at 3pm in Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, Barry. All seven nominated candidates have agreed to attend.

### Mediumship

BARRY Spiritualist Church and Centre presents an evening of mediumship on Monday, April 20 at 7pm with Gerard Smith. Pay at the door £5, Buttrills Road, Barry (CF62 8EF).

### TOP advice

A FREE Tax Help for Older People (TOP) surgery will be held at Roz Couzens' Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major CF61 1RB on April 20 from 10am until midday. No appointment necessary.

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### Poet speaks

POET Steve Griffiths is the guest at Sustainable Wales' Green Room, 5 James Street Porthcawl CF36 3BG on Friday, April 24 at 8pm (followed by an open mic).

He will be testing some of his 'Late Love Poems' due from Cinnamon in 2016, the press that

has published his last two books. Admission £3.

### Valeways walks

APRIL 26 walk to nature reserve, meeting St Brides Major car park, past cattle grid at 2pm.

April 30, 'South!' meet at Peterston-super-Ely at 10am.

Coffee Shop Strollers meet on Wednesdays at 10.30am; Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry on April 22 and Cosmeston Country Park on April 15 and 29.

Welsh learners and speakers meet on Tuesdays at 10am; Ynys y Barri, Hoffi Cerdedd, Hoffi Coffi at Coffee Cove CF62 2TJ. Y Bontfaen, Hoffi Cerdedd, Hoffi Coffi outside library CF71 7AH.

Further information at [www.valeways.org.uk](http://www.valeways.org.uk) or email [info@valeways.org.uk](mailto:info@valeways.org.uk), telephone 01446 749000.

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## Ty Hafan's Rainbow Run in Porthcawl



ABOVE: A total of 1,700 people will take part in the 5K run.

EXCITED fundraisers have just a couple of days until Ty Hafan's colourful Rainbow Run in Porthcawl this Saturday, April 18.

Coney Beach will once again be filled with a sea of colour when 1,700 participants take on the 5K fun run in aid of Ty Hafan, the hospice for children in Wales.

Those taking part in the sold-out event can walk, run, skip, dance or even hop the route – and will be showered with coloured powder along the way.

Mair Kinsey, marketing and events officer at Ty Hafan, said: "We aim to make the very most of the precious moments that life-limited children and their families have together – that's why we think that the Rainbow Run is the perfect way to celebrate and support the work we do."

"We are so pleased that so many people have signed up for the Rainbow Run and we'd like to thank Coney Beach Pleasure Park for hosting the

event for the second year and providing the perfect beach location for our Porthcawl run."

In 2014, the Rainbow Run raised almost £70,000 for Ty Hafan. This year the charity is holding its colourful Rainbow Run at Dare Valley Country Park, Aberdare, on July 18 and Pendine Sands on September 26.

Julian Hodge is kindly supporting the event and Peter Lynn Solicitors, Coney Beach Pleasure Park, South Wales Wood Recycling and J&J Motors have kindly sponsored paint stations along the route.

The charity welcomes spectators to go along and watch this unique event, starting at 1.30pm at the runners' village next to the pleasure park.

It costs £3.7m a year to provide the Ty Hafan's state-of-the-art facilities at Sully and deliver its support services to families out in the community.

Registration for the charity's Aberdare Rainbow Run will open on Monday, April 20. Visit [www.rainbowrunwales.co.uk](http://www.rainbowrunwales.co.uk) or call 029 2053 2282 for more information.



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# Vale of Glamorgan Mayor says... 'VERY HAPPY 101st BIRTHDAY, TRIXIE!'



ABOVE:

Celebrating her 101st birthday with the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Howard Hamilton, is Mrs Trixie Hevron from Rhose.

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Howard Hamilton, visited Mrs Trixie Hevron, who was celebrating her 101st birthday, and presented her with a flower arrangement.**

Mrs Hevron lives in Rhose, but was born in London.

"I've been through two world wars – and during the Second World War I served in the Fire Brigade during the blitz.

"My husband Jim was a member of 617 Squadron and helped in the organisation of the Dambusters raid and the bombing of the Tirpitz. He was mentioned in dispatches twice."

Mrs Hevron also has a treasured letter from Guy Gibson, who led the Dambusters raid, thanking Mr

Hevron for his help in the operation.

The couple met in the dispatch department of Rowntrees in 1941. Their son Stuart was born in 1945.

The family moved to Cardiff in the 1960s when Mr Hevron was offered a job with a retail business buying and selling textiles. He often travelled to the Far East for the company.

They later moved to Rhose. Mr Hevron passed away 21 years ago, but Stuart is not far away and local people are supportive.

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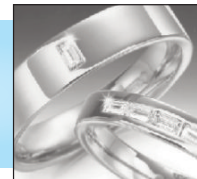
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# BRIDES & GROOMS



## Getting make-up just right for the perfect bride on her special day

**ENSURE** your wedding day make-up goes without a hitch. Our experts reveal their top tips for bridal beauty.

By Lisa Haynes

Nobody wants a bad hair day or a mirror nightmare, but if there's one time in your life when you need to look your beautiful best, it's your wedding day.

With your closest family and friends to hand – and a photographer snapping at your heels – being a bride should be the happiest day of your life.

So the last thing you want to worry about is make-up blunders.

Make-up artist Jemma Kidd says: "The best wedding make-up is subtle and unobtrusive, yet reveals and enhances everything that's most beautiful about a bride's face."

Whether you're being made up by your best pal or a team of professionals, ensure you've got your look prepared by way of a few trial runs.

Our beauty experts offer their big day advice to ensure you're glowing inside and out.

### Make-up musts

You may be a master of make-up for everyday looks, but bridal is a very different marriage of techniques and tricks.

"Bridal make-up needs to have enough colour to compensate for the whiteness of the dress," explains make-up artist Bobbi Brown.

"Apply your make-up as if you were going to a formal event – everything should be a bit stronger than the make-up you normally wear."

To ensure your lip colour lasts throughout the 'kiss the bride' peck and beyond, Brown advises lining and filling the lips with a matching lip pencil before applying your lipstick.

Beaming with love, you may have a natural glow on the day but you'll still need a touch of colour.

"When choosing a blush, go for pink if you are fair, and rose if you are dark. Apply it to the apples of your cheeks for a healthy glow."

"For a pop of colour, use a brighter shade just on the apples of your cheeks," Brown recommends.

Avoid embarrassing make-up blunders during the speeches with tear-proof products. Look for waterproof and long-wearing formulas in both mascara and eyeliner to avoid smudges and streaks.

Face powder is a must, according to Brown: "Set concealer and foundation with a powder puff. And don't forget to bring pressed powder in your evening bag for touch-ups throughout the day."

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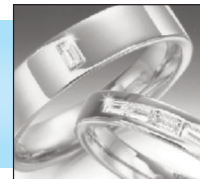


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# BRIDES & GROOMS



## Getting make-up just right for the perfect bride on her special day

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### Romantic hair

Forget the debate about summer or winter weddings, one of the biggest decisions for brides is whether to wear hair up or down.

If the top of your dress is fussy, an 'up-do' is a good option to keep the focus on your face and gown.

Redken session stylist Giovanni Giuntoli recalled a New York Bridal Fashion Week when hair was 'high and refined' for spring/summer.

"The season balanced the hair with the big gowns, while an avant garde twist gave even more height and drama."

An up-do adds instant sophistication and elongates the neck, according to Giuntoli. He advises asking a bridesmaid to hold on to a mini finishing spray for touch-ups to ensure that your style stays in place all night long.

If you have a simple dress and want a more relaxed, modern look, try Giuntoli's 'end-of-day waves'.

"The look is down and the waves are not tight, they're fresh," he explains. "We're trying to get away from the corkscrew for a youthful, casual after-wedding look that's flattering and flirty."

### Ring fingers

As you take your husband-to-be's hand at the altar, the last thing you want to offer him is chewed nails or a garish set of false talons.

Ensure your ring finger and its nine family members are preened to perfection.

"Start thinking about the condition of your nails four to six months before the big day," advises Joanna Hansford, director of manicurists at Jo Hansford salon.

"It takes six months for a new nail to grow completely, so if they are damaged in any way they have a good chance of recovering in time."

Condition and hydrate your hands and nails using a hand cream and cuticle oil last thing every night for at least a month before the wedding to see happier hands.

If you're addicted to nail decor, hold off excessive use of coloured nail varnishes in the run-up to your wedding.

"Nail polish removal can cause nails to dry out, so try not to use it more than once a week and opt for acetone-free ones," advises Hansford.

"Darker colours can also stain the nail bed if used over a long period. However, if this occurs, lemon juice can be used to cleanse them."

As for the big day itself? Ask your manicurist to assess your nails and see whether long, short, square, oval or rounded most suits your hands and plan the shape in advance.

Hansford recommends: "Natural nails always look best if you are going for a traditional wedding but if you are going for a more modern, contemporary look, you could have a brighter colour but make sure it doesn't clash with your dress."

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## Fascinating fascinators!



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## I do, and don't...

"On your wedding day, you should look like yourself at your most beautiful," says Bobbi Brown, whose top tips for wedding day beauty are:

**Don't:** Go to a tanning bed right before your wedding. If you want more colour, use a self tanner. Test the product weeks before the date and apply several days before the wedding in case you need to make corrections.

**Do:** Complete a make-up trial to avoid any surprises.

**Don't:** Use concealer on the eyelids. It causes eye make-up to crease.

**Do:** Keep your look natural, fresh and modern, using colours you have worn before and know they suit your skin tone.

**Don't:** Apply shimmer all over the face. One or two accents are enough.

**Do:** Make sure your foundation is right for your skin tone. Your colour may have changed since the make-up trial.

**Don't:** Wear frosted, shiny or sparkly shadows as it will reflect camera flashes.

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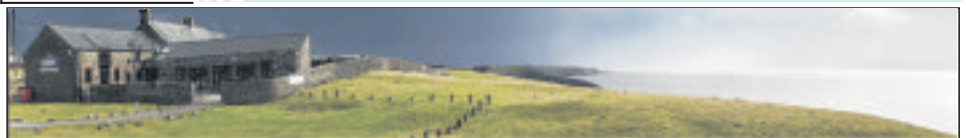
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# Nature walks at East Aberthaw

**SPRING is in full swing and to celebrate, the Wildlife Trust will be leading a series of nature walks around the East Aberthaw nature reserve.**

East Aberthaw nature reserve is located on the east side of Aberthaw Power Station and will be holding walks throughout the year on the third Monday of April, May, June, July and September – to introduce local residents and nature lovers to the wonders of the site's unique ecology.

Each month will provide a different opportunity to spot some of the diverse species that can be found at the reserve. The first walk on April 20 will be looking for migrant birds, early flowering plants and insects.

The walks are supported by RWE's Aberthaw Power Station, who own the land that contains the

saline lagoon, one of only four in Wales. The station also helps to manage the area to encourage and maintain the bio-diversity of habitats, flora and fauna.

Richard Little, station manager at Aberthaw Power Station said: "We are proud to welcome the Wildlife Trust to lead the nature walks and would encourage local residents to come along and enjoy this unique environment on their doorstep."

The next walk is planned to start at 6pm, April 20, at the bottom of Well Road and everyone is welcome to attend. Every level of interest is catered for, whatever your age.

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## 'Sprawling suburbia' is due to lack of planning

**THE Vale Council seems intent on turning the Vale into sprawling suburbia, reliant on cars to reach shops, employment, etc. which are primarily located in Cardiff.**

The current house-building target of 10,000, a 19 per cent increase in current dwelling numbers, which developers are very eager to deliver ahead of the LDP timescale, will surpass all previous building records.

A total of 19 per cent on 2011 numbers would mean an extra 12,950 vehicles on our roads, and an extra 4,000 commuters into Cardiff, resulting in an extra 1,400 cars during the morning peak hour and 1,600 in the afternoon peak hour, through Baron's Court or Culverhouse Cross.

Traffic from the Vale has to pass through either Baron's Court or Culverhouse Cross on its way to Cardiff, and only a minority have access to train services. There is no credible plan for sustainable travel alternatives.

The proposed 100 dwelling development at St Nicholas, like that at Colwinston, is completely reliant on cars for access to shops and places of employment and leisure.

It's likely that the cheapest new private houses will cost more £350,000 each, as those proposed for Bonvilston, making them unaffordable for most local people.

The demolition of the former HTV studio, a unique and valued work space at Culverhouse Cross,

## Political bias?

**I WAS mildly amused at what I can only assume was faux outrage at the Conservative 'wrap' advert published a couple of weeks ago.**

I certainly hope it wasn't genuine on the part of Dr David Ellis, or I would have to bring into question his ability to read, as the wrap was clearly marked as an advert! I would hope our councillors were not quite so gullible and able to comprehend bodies of text presented to them, else we are in more trouble than we previously thought!

The questions over the GEM's impartiality are ridiculous when you look back at the letters page and read the same anti-Conservative rants published week in and week out by the same writers – who I can only assume are local party activists using the letters page for their own party's agenda.

The GEM has shown it is more than happy to publish letters from readers of all political leanings and I hope The GEM will not be browbeaten into the content it publishes, or the choice of advertisements it runs, as these avenues are open to all parties.

The complaints smack of sour grapes because the Conservatives were first to do it in the run-up to the general election. (Name and address supplied).

## 'UNCARING COALITION SHOULD BE ASHAMED'

**MY daughter is 44 years old and has never been able to work, due to the frequency and severity of her epileptic fits.**

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) has written to her and told her she was being put into the ESA work-related activity group, which means she will have to travel to attend the local job centre and work with a work coach to get her ready for employment.

We wrote to the DWP and asked them to reconsider this decision.

We also sent them a letter from her consultant neuropsychiatrist, which stated that she has never been able to work and that as well as her severe epilepsy she has other psychiatric

problems. The DWP ignored this letter and a letter from her optician detailing the vision problems. She also has said their decision will stand.

My daughter never leaves the house alone, due to the number of fits she has when she is out – a family member is with her at all times.

This Conservative-led coalition should be ashamed of the attacks on the disabled. They truly are the nasty uncaring party.

I have asked Jane Hutt, my Assembly Member and Gwyn John, my local Vale councillor for their help. There is no one else we can turn to for help against this unfeeling decision which is causing my daughter such upset and worry. (Name and address supplied).

Ian Perry,

## Vale Jazz await bid decision

**THE Vale Jazz Organisers are awaiting the outcome of a bid with the Arts Council for Wales, before the event can finally proceed.**

In addition to support from the Vale Council, Newydd Housing and Cardiff Bus, the organisers have now made an approach to the Barry Waterfront developers, to see if they would be interested in supporting the event.

The event is planned for June 18 – 21 in and around Barry Island, with 20 bands planned to play in 10 venues.

An open meeting to discuss the event will be held at 7pm in Barry Civic Offices, on Thursday, April 23.

All are invited to attend this open meeting. **Coun Richard Bertin, Barry.**

## 'Barry needs more hotels'

**IT is fantastic to see Barry Island so busy and bustling with visitors, following major investment allocated when Plaid Cymru were in government, and the re-opening of the fairground, but we mustn't miss a trick here.**

People who visit Barry for the day are vitally important, but we know that overnight visitors spend far more money – on accommodation, eating out and entertainment, all of which would create more jobs in Barry.

The Vale Council needs to work more closely with the major hotel chains, as they did with the Premier Inn, to bring hotels to Barry – making the most of our easy links with Cardiff city centre and Cardiff Airport in Rhosne.

Bringing more money and jobs to Barry is the real regeneration that our town needs.

**Coun Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan.**

## Thinking through a referendum

**WITH the election almost upon us, the Tories have been trying to present their promised EU in-out referendum as a plus point in their favour, and an often repeated argument they advance is that the younger generation of the population have not had a say whether they want to be in or out of the EU.**

By that argument, we will need to have in-out referendums every few years to allow each new generation to have its say, thereby putting Britain in perpetual political uncertainty.

No business would want to invest here under those circumstances, and I daresay even many corner shopholders may decide to pack and leave for more settled shores.

This letter is not an argument for being in or being out of the EU, it merely points out the possible consequences of referendums conjured up by politicians for their own short-term electoral gain at the expense of detailed thought and argument in the interest of the nation.

**Marc Delaney, Barry.**

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The class will introduce beginners to Pilates, then starting to add Pilates equipment such as the magic circle, soft balls and bands in the second half of the course.

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## Gibbonsdown children's centre gets a helping hand from bank staff

**GIBBONSDOWN** Children's Centre recently received £250 and a day's labour from staff at the Holton Road branch of Santander, as part of the Santander Community Day.

The staff spent a day with centre staff, clearing, planting and building a vegetable garden in the wildlife garden at the centre.

Garden coordinator Julia John received the cheque in a ceremony launching the garden as 'Marie's garden patch' - in

memory of Marie Martyn who had worked at the centre for over 10 years as cook.

Marie sadly died last August. Her children, Debbie and Ayshea, granddaughter Tegan and great-granddaughter Khobie attended the cheque presentation.

Julia said: "It was great to see Marie's family at the launch of the garden and see all the work that the staff had done. We will be growing all sorts of vegetables for the children to dig up and eat.

"We have already planted potatoes and beans. The children are busy watering and weeding daily to keep it tidy. This is a

fitting tribute to Marie, who loved to cook healthy food for the children."

Santander branch manager, Heidi Smith said: "The staff loved working with the centre and to see it being used is just what we want.

"We want to thank local business Thomson and Sons, for generously donating the wood which enabled us to build the patch."

Gill Munro, centre manager, wanted to say a big thank you to Santander and to Thomson and Sons. "As a charity we rely on projects like this to help us go the extra mile for the children."

## Premier visit for Marco's!



Prime Minister David Cameron joined Alun Cairns for a flying visit to Barry Island last week during a whistle stop tour of all four nations in the United Kingdom. The Prime Minister and wife Samantha met at Marco's Cafe to discuss the regeneration of the Island with fairground operator Henry Danter and Marco Zeraschi.

## Police appeal after assault on Island

**POLICE in Barry are appealing for witnesses to an assault which occurred at Barry Island on Thursday, April 9.**

Officers were called to the area in the afternoon and spoke to three members of the public who had witnessed an altercation between two men. A 44-year-old man was arrested by police and is on police bail pending further enquiries.

There was believed to be a group of

adults and children outside Marco's Cafe around 3.20pm on that day whom officers would like to trace because they may hold important information that may help them with their enquiries. If you were in that group, officers would like to hear from you.

Anyone with information is urged to call the police on 101 quoting reference number 1500122264. Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted free and anonymously on 0800 555 111, or via [www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information).

## BOOK QUIZ

**LLANTWIT Major Library is holding a World Book Night general knowledge quiz on Thursday, April 23, from 7pm to 9pm.**

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## LOCAL ARTISTS 'INSPIRED' BY SPLENDOUR OF THE VALE'S EDWARDIAN HOUSE AND GARDENS

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Artists (VOGA) a group of professional artists, have spent the past year creating contemporary artworks inspired by the beautiful Grade II-listed Dyffryn House and its gardens.**

An exhibition of their work is now open to the public and will continue until the end of May.

Now run by the National Trust, the estate is returning to its former glories and the artists have recorded their responses in a wide range of media from oil paint to photography and from sculpture and ceramics to quilts.

The exhibition will launch the newly restyled Exhibition Room, formerly the Garden Room, which is accessible to the public whenever the gardens are open.

Visitors will be able to enjoy a diverse range of artworks. VOGA chairman Bernard Heslin says: "Dyffryn has provided us with a fascinating and beautiful site in which to work. We have enjoyed spending time in the buildings and gardens during our year-long residency through the changing seasons."

Over the past year visitors may have spotted artists working in various parts of the house and gardens. Local sculptor Sue Roberts was captivated by multicoloured marble heads on one of the spectacular carved fireplaces. She has produced sculpture and photographs.

Watercolourist Sue Paton could have been seen around the garden with her sketchbook as she captured flowers through the seasons. Her exhibit features nearly 300 post-card sized paintings: "My inspiration is the abundance and variety of the displays," she says.

Painter Richard O'Connell was captivated by the garden's classical urns and figurines which he drew with pencil crayons: "They mirror a grander age when style showed status," he explains.

Children playing in the arboretum inspired Eve Hart's charming painting of cheeky children hiding up a tree as she investigated the contrast between the geometry of structures and free organic forms.

Painter Allan Brown also pursues figures among the cut hedges and the secret corners of the garden in his acrylic paintings.

Painter Ann Townson was struck by the luscious greenness of Dyffryn which, she says, always "shocks" her.

Sculptor Gwyneth Price has been observing, drawing and photographing fern forms for her stone carving. Sue Edwards' paintings and prints focus on

statuesque entrances, doorways and trees.

Bernard van Lierop's prints combine sets of photographs that capture some of Dyffryn's dramatic transformations through the seasons.

Textile artist Judy Stephens has taken a more abstract approach with her colourful quilts which try to capture something of the discrepancies between the brief grandeur of life at Dyffryn and the harsh reality of the coalface and the freighters which transported the coal worldwide.

Pam Jones was also intrigued by the Cory family and has worked with porcelain heads and figures.

The VOGA artists have a relationship with Dyffryn which now stretches back a decade. It started modestly with involvement in a Heritage Weekend exhibition of arts and crafts in 2005.

VOGA took over running the event in later years and in 2009 the artists were invited to make work to celebrate the anniversary of Dyffryn's Pompeian Garden.

The exhibition, which is called 'A Year at Dyffryn 2' with VOGA, includes four drop-in children's drawing workshops open to the public. These are free and will be from 10am to noon and from 2pm to 4pm on April 18 and 25.

More information about members of VOGA can be found on their website: [www.vogavaleart.org](http://www.vogavaleart.org)



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# Mistakes and penalties cost Barry 3rds dear

## SEA VIEW 12 BARRY 3RD XV 5

WITH no points in the league all season, Barry 3rd XV were hoping for better things when they travelled the short distance to Sea View for a local derby.

Selector Ken Chow and manager Frank Greig handed prop Andrew Fortt and Liam Kirsch their first senior games of their careers, whilst there were also first starts for Nath Davies, Leighton Jones and Andy Betts. Dave Williams made his return from injury for his first game in 2015.

The disrupted nature of the selection was clear as the early exchanges saw Barry make some basic errors, all the while suffering from the referee's whistle. The away side's misery was compounded as Betts was sent to the sin-bin after less than five minutes.

Sea View took full advantage of their superior numbers and raced into a 12-0 lead before Barry returned to 15 men.

Despite still being penalised heavily by the official, especially in the contact area, Barry finally put together some phases with Dave Williams, Rhidian Mephram and Liam Ring to the fore.

A period of Barry pressure saw make-shift fly-

half Joel Williams break the line, before Davies finished off the move by scoring his second try in as many games. The conversion was missed.

Sensing a momentum shift, Barry poured forward to look for the equalising score, only to fall foul of the referee's whistle again. This time the damage was much more severe as veteran Jason Evans saw red.

At half time, the management attempted to rally the 14 men on the field, and also sent on fresh legs in the shape of Dave Evans and Kyle Case.

Despite being one man short, Barry dominated both territory and possession in the second half, but there was a clear lack of cutting edge, due to the rustiness of some of the players. Having not played since January, there were numerous handling errors and poor decision making, with players missing obvious overlaps which surely would have produced a score on another day.

There was still time for debutant Fortt to bulldoze his opposite number over in open play – an act that earned the loudest applause, but the home side held on for a victory.

Considering that the side has been forced to compete with 1st XV and 2nd XV from other clubs all season, the fact that Barry 3rd XV still exists is a testament to the spirit and effort of the players and

staff. The 3rd XV will host the Royal King's Hussars on April 18, kick off 2pm.

Team: Bailey; Kirsch, D Williams, Davies, Chucas; J Williams, Mephram; Fortt, Leighton

Jones, Ring; Deyes, Hall; Betts, Lloyd Jones (c), J Evans. Replacements: D Evans, Thomas, Case, M Jones. Man-of-the-match: Fortt.

## Turnaround for Barry 2nds against St Joseph's

### BARRY 2ND XV 19 ST JOSEPH'S 2ND XV 22

BARRY 2nd XV ended their league season on a clear spring afternoon, welcoming the visit of St Joseph's.

With the same opponents having put over 160 points past the home side on the last two occasions, expectations were not high.

This was especially the case when coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow had to deal with a mounting injury list, which saw them promote Nath Davies and Chris Deyes from the 3rd XV, and Lucas Davies from the Youth XV. Tony Heard started his first game in five months.

Against the wind and slope, and with the sun in their eyes in the first half, Barry knew they had to battle hard to keep themselves in the game.

Unfortunately, with a misfiring line-out, possession and territory seemed easy to come by for St Joseph's, who negated the power of the home pack by once again opting for uncontested scrums. Surely this should be outlawed to preserve the integrity of the game.

It was no surprise when the visitors opened the scoring with an unconverted try out wide, and some supporters feared the worst.

This was, however, a sterner Barry side and despite constantly falling foul of some questionable refereeing decisions which left both teams baffled, the home side rallied with some excellent carries from the likes of Wayne Jones, Lloyd Dutton and Dominic Busuttill.

Just reward arrived when scrum-half John Dimond released the line of backs and the ball found its way to Dave Evans, who crashed over in the corner to score. Jones failed to add the extras.

St Joseph's would, however, go into the interval with the lead after they scored a well-worked push-over try in the corner which went unconverted, but

the game at half-time was still in the balance.

With Julian McTavish, Jon Morris and Gerwyn Pugh all thrown on at half time to freshen up the side, Barry began with a spring in their step and it was not long before they troubled the scorers.

The territory was gained by the forwards, but a clever switch in direction by the half backs saw Busuttill crash through under the posts virtually untouched. Jones added the extras to send Barry into the lead.

With the wind firmly behind them now (literally), Barry poured forward for another score, and it duly came when some neat play in midfield released Neil Bragg out wide, and he outpaced the defenders to score his first try for the club. Pugh added the extras superbly from the touchline to give Barry a nine-point advantage.

Despite having the game under control, Barry failed to add to their advantage, missing several opportunities with both backs and forwards to blame for a combination of poor decision-making and haphazard handling with the line at their mercy.

St Joseph's duly got back into the game following some loose kicking by the inexperienced Barry backline, and in a matter of five minutes the home lead was gone via two breakaway tries.

The home side rallied one last time and bore down on the St Joseph's line but once again their effort was thwarted by the referee's interpretation of the laws and the chance was gone.

While the effort was commendable, Barry would rue their inexperience and lack of ruthlessness for this defeat.

Team: Evans; Bragg, Busuttill, Knapman, N Davies; W Jones, Dimond; Heard, Turnbull, L Davies; Dutton, L Jones (c); Goodfellow, Miles, Rolfe. Replacements: McTavish, Morris, Deyes, Pugh.

Man-of-the-match: Busuttill.

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## Llangeinor & Pentyrch point-to-point is at Pyle

THE Llangeinor & Pentyrch Hunt point-to-point steeplechases take place this Saturday (April 18) at the Dunraven Stud, Pyle, near Bridgend and racing gets under way at 2pm.

It starts with the young horse open maiden over a two-and-a-half mile course.

Chris Williams' *Boost The Power*, which finished third behind *Star Rise* and *Moontripper* at the South Pembrokeshire Easter Monday meeting, could get backers off to a good start.

Jonathan Tudor, who has been in good form this season, holds the key to the members' race with four entries and his selected one should win.

In the men's open, all eyes will be on David Llewellyn's prolific *Rosies Peacock* who last time failed by just half-a-length to beat *Sir Du Bearn*,

who will probably be in the line up for the Dudley Cup.

*Rosies Peacock* wasn't his usual self that day and will have to be at his best if he is going to beat Jeff Bird's *Repeat Business*, a 10-length winner of the men's open race at the Monmouthshire, who has been successful in his previous three starts.

Roger Willcox's *Lauberhorn* was a five-length winner of the ladies' open race at the recent Ystrad Taf Fechan meeting and the only danger, if he runs in this race, appears to be the Jonathan Tudor-trained *Tiger Rag*.

Of the 13 down to run in the restricted, *Banned In Bhutan*, *Distant Sound* and *Shanks A Bunch* are preferred in that order. While *Sahara Haze*, *Final Storm* and *Mimicry* look the pick in the open maiden race.

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## The Davies sisters and a 'love of beauty expressed through the medium of art'

ON March 17, Dinas Powys Probosc Club's guest speaker was the famous broadcaster, journalist and author Trevor Fishlock, whose subject was the Davies sisters of Llandinam, entitled 'Ahead of their Time'.

Gwendoline and Margaret Davies were the granddaughters of David Davies, an immensely wealthy entrepreneur, who started from nothing, and became Wales' first millionaire. He founded Barry Docks in the late 1880s to export the coal from his own mines in the Rhondda.

David Davies was born on a farm and uneducated. He started life as a sawyer delivering his services 'on time' and 'on budget'.

He was responsible for building the first iron bridge over the River Severn at Llandinam in the 1850s – still standing today – before he started building railway lines. Between 1855 and 1867 he built six different lines

throughout Wales.

In 1864, he invested in his first coal mine in the Rhondda, which is when he started to become seriously rich, establishing the family fortune for future generations, without, of course, knowing how this wealth would be used.

Having given a brief background of David Davies' life, Trevor Fishlock turned to the arts, and two paintings that featured in the Davies family story. 'IMPRESSIONIST'

The first was a portrait of David Davies, commissioned by his grateful shareholders in 1874, painted by Ford Madox Brown, and the second painting of 'La Parisienne', otherwise known as The Lady in Blue, by Pierre-Auguste Renoir, also painted in 1874.

The 1874 Paris Exhibition attracted a huge number of artists expressing their definitive styles – Renoir, Manet, Cezanne, Degas, Pissarro, Van Gogh, Morisot and Monet.

These were all 'new' painters, working against the academic convention

of painting in a traditional style.

The new artists were frozen out by the old school, which caused them to create their own exhibition in April 1874. A painting by Monet, of a misty harbour at Le Havre was called 'Impression: Sunrise', which after some critical, and more importantly acclaimed reviews, led to the term, still in use today, of 'Impressionist'.

'La Parisienne' unfolded a further coincidence between art and the coal fortune. A young budding scientist, William Brown, was experimenting to try and create a medicine, artificial quinine, to fight malaria.

In so doing, by reducing coal to coal tar, he was left with a purple dye which kept its brilliance and did not fade. He invented the word mauve. This in turn led to the development of further colours, from which the striking blue of the dress in 'La Parisienne' was probably derived.

Brown's experiments led him to create many colours which overturned the

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traditional vegetable dyes used for centuries and made him extremely rich.

Gwendoline and Margaret's mother died when they were three and five, and their father seven years later married his late wife's sister, and employed a governess for the girls, Miss Jane Blake.

Miss Blake's influence in teaching French, French art and broader aspects of European culture was complementary to their step-mother's desire for them to travel, and have a prolonged study of these subjects coupled with European history and architecture.

In all of this, the considerable influence of Calvinistic Methodism prevailed, following their grandfather's extensive philanthropic and charitable generosity, alongside building innumerable chapels around Wales. Having their maternal grandfather as a Methodist minister, the sisters were 'children of the

Manse' in every sense.

They lived an extremely privileged life, but with the overriding social conscience of the church, and exemplary humility, they had an extraordinarily public spirited outlook. They were very aware of how the family wealth had been created – they felt indebted, but not guilty.

The sisters' own wealth did not fall into their hands until they were both 25, in 1907 and 1909. Leading up to this time, with the broadening of their cultural education, they had fallen in love with art, eventually 'marrying' their passion.

Between 1908 and 1913 they purchased some 100 paintings, spending in excess of £100,000 during that period, equivalent to at least £10 million today.

However, if you look at Renoir's 'La Parisienne' – that single painting could attract at least that amount at auction today, if it were to be sold.

The Davies sisters spent very wisely! They were not driven by investment. It was love of beauty as expressed through art, and their desire to share this beauty with the world around them.

They lent a considerable number of pictures to the National Museum of Wales exhibition at Cardiff City Hall in 1913, the year that they purchased the Renoir 'La Parisienne', creating the link with Madox Brown's painting of their grandfather, and both pictures are now at the National Museum.

The exhibition was a resounding success, introducing Impressionist paintings to Wales for the first time, with some 26,000 visitors over eight weeks.

In 1912, they had purchased the bronze cast of Rodin's 'The Kiss', which was the centrepiece of the exhibition.

Surprisingly, for nonconformist-influenced Wales, the sensuous, embracing lovers did not shock or surprise whereas in Lewes in the same year, the marble version was shrouded

with cloth, as the authorities feared that such an embrace would offend!

The Cardiff exhibition was acclaimed by an arts publication as one of the most important ever staged outside London.

The start of the Great War curtailed their investment activities; instead, both sisters served in the war.

In 1916, Gwendoline volunteered to join the French Red Cross, and Margaret joined her in 1917.

They were based 100 miles outside Paris, at Verdun, a major crossroads of activities serving the front line. Their working conditions were a world away from what they were used to, but both were keen to play their part in alleviating the suffering, as far as they were able.

Their return to post-war Wales, saw their acquisitions proceeding, purchasing a further 100 art works between 1918 and 1927, when the economic decline hit the coal mining communities hardest. Most of the

paintings were on display at their family home in Gregynog, which they shared with the wider community, hosting festivals, concerts, educational talks, with very eminent contributors from all over Britain, and from abroad. BEQUEATHED

Eventually, Gregynog was given to the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, (which the family had supported in its creation) together with a substantial endowment for its ongoing use.

Gwendoline died in 1951, and Margaret in 1966. Between them they bequeathed 260 paintings and artefacts to the National Museum of Wales, transforming their collections for all time.

The Davies sisters were 'ahead of their time' in so many ways. Their lives had an enormous impact on their local community, the broader community in religion, education and the arts, coupled with the most extraordinary generosity through their philanthropy which impacted on so many, many lives.

## New arts centre's comedy evening



BEC HILL.

CARNEGIE House, the new arts and culture hub for Bridgend town centre has a comedy night in its first spring programme.

Carnegie Comedy kicks off this month with two stand-up acts: Bec Hill, fresh from the success of her award-winning 2014 Edinburgh Fringe show, 'Ellipsis', will perform 'Bec to the Drawing Board', with a mix of never-seen-before material and some of her favourite bits to boot.

The host for tomorrow evening (April 17) at 7.30pm, Ogmore Vale-based Karen Sherrard said: "I'm

honoured to be supporting Bec Hill. I saw her last year and loved her set and I know Bridgend is in for a treat with her new Edinburgh show."

Karen is an actress and comedian who writes her own material, performing across Wales and beyond, including Rhod Gilbert's Comedy Playground, Brighton Comedy Fringe and The Glee Club in Cardiff.

She won Last Mic Standing in 2014, and is dedicated to promoting and developing the arts in Bridgend. Tickets available online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/84211> or pay on the door.



KAREN SHERRARD.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Art exhibition

PENTYRCH Art Group will be holding their 20th annual exhibition on Sunday, May 17 at Pentyrch Village Hall from 10am to 6pm, admission free; free parking, disabled access; free refreshments.

#### Refugees' recital

A PIANO and organ recital will take place at St John the Baptist parish church (Saint John Street/Church Street, Cardiff city centre CF10 1GJ) on Saturday, May 23 at 1pm in aid of the UK-registered charity Iraqi Christians In Need ([www.icin.org.uk](http://www.icin.org.uk)), which is providing direct financial relief to displaced refugees under the care of the churches in northern Iraq.

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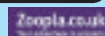


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# Top schools' kitchen teams are honoured



Maes Yr Haul Primary School won the Best Promotions award.

**KITCHEN** staff from Brynmenyn Primary School took the top prize in Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC) annual catering services business awards.

The school won the award for 'Kitchen of the Year' in the awards ceremony at the Hi-Tide in Porthcawl in recognition of their excellent customer care, high team attendance levels and a strong percentage of meal uptakes among the school's pupils.

The Brynmenyn team narrowly pipped Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogrwr, who were commended in second place.

Senior dining room assistant Lisa Evans, who works at both Bryntirion Infants and Ysgol Bryn Castell, was celebrating after being named 'Employee of the Year'. Lisa received her award from Coun Richard Young, the Deputy Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, who said: "Lisa deserved her award for providing such an enthusiastic, friendly service and promoting the benefits of healthy eating to the young pupils that she serves."

"Overall, there are around 380 staff working in catering services at the council and these awards showcased the excellent work being done every day by them, and has given us a chance to say a huge thank you to them all for their dedication and friendly service."

The county borough's top school for customer service was judged to be Ysgol Bryn Castell, while Nantyffyllon Primary, Porthcawl



Snack trolley staff won a Special Recognition award.

Primary, Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School and the community café at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen were all highly commended.

The staff at Maes Yr Haul Primary School in Broadlands won the 'Best Promotions' award after they served up a football-themed initiative last summer which resulted in 13 per cent more school meals being enjoyed on one day.

Kitchen teams voted for Holdsworth Food Services as their 'Supplier of the Year', and a 'Special Recognition' award was presented to the staff involved in the snack trolley service that visits council offices. The staff responded quickly to the challenge of providing a new service at short notice last year and have been praised for their professional approach and outstanding customer service.

Training awards were also presented to cooks and supervisors from across the county borough who have achieved food safety and hygiene training certificates.



Senior dining room assistant Lisa Evans and Coun Richard Young.



Brynmenyn Primary School won Kitchen of the Year.



The Customer Care award was presented to Ysgol Bryn Castell by Coun Richard Young and Coun Huw David.



Holdsworth Food Service received their award from Louise Kerton, BCBC's catering services manager.



ABOVE: Matthew Rhys with pupils from Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd.

## LOCAL STUDENTS QUIZ FILM STARS

**STUDENTS** from Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd in Maesteg, Bridgend enjoyed a rare chance to quiz four of Wales' most successful actors at a 'Patagonia 150' event in Cardiff organised by the education charity Into Film and BAFTA Cymru, on Monday, April 13.

Held to celebrate 150 years of the Welsh colony in Patagonia the event, at Chapter Arts, involved a screening of acclaimed Welsh drama *Patagonia* (2010) followed by a Q&A session with Matthew Rhys, Matthew Gravelle, Rhys Parry Jones and Nia Roberts. The actors, all of whom appeared in the film, talked about their careers and the future of the film industry in Wales, and shared tips on how to get into the industry. Llangynwyd was one of four schools from across South Wales which took part in the event.

Matthew Rhys also announced his new role as an ambassador for Into Film, a charity supported by the BFI with Lottery funding, which places film at the heart of young people's learning.

Matthew Rhys said: "I wanted to support Into Film because to me, film is on a greater human level, it's educational and helps all kinds of people understand themselves and learn about the world around them. I also think it lends itself like no

other medium to the education sector in the way it can inspire young people to learn in a modern and engaging way."

The event was also the launch of a series of celebratory screening events across Wales, coordinated by BAFTA Cymru and supported by Film Hub Wales.

Hannah Raybould, Director of BAFTA Cymru said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for BAFTA Cymru, Into Film and the Patagonia 150 programme to celebrate the relationship between Wales and Argentina's Welsh colony - Y Wladfa - through the medium of film. This special event, which is part of our year-round programme of 60+ events across Wales, will launch a series which will offer schools, the public and our members a chance to watch *Patagonia* again and hear from the creative talent behind the film."

"Our events will be held at locations with significance to the Patagonia story - at Neuadd Buddug, Bala; Galeri Caernarfon, Aberystwyth Arts Centre and a location in the south Wales valleys to be confirmed."

For further information about Into Film visit: [www.IntoFilm.org](http://www.IntoFilm.org) and find out how to start a film club at [www.filmclub.org](http://www.filmclub.org) or contact Beatrix Clark, Communications Officer, Into Film; [beatrix.clark@intofilm.org](mailto:beatrix.clark@intofilm.org) 07778 917322.

## Paws on patrol will help lead battle against crime

### 'BE OUR EYES AND EARS' LOCAL DOG OWNERS ARE URGED

**DOG** owners in Bridgend county borough are being encouraged to be the eyes, ears and paws of local communities in a new scheme aimed at tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

The council has teamed up with South Wales Police and South Wales Fire and Rescue Service to launch Paws On Patrol, a pilot project aimed at encouraging dog owners to report any suspicious behaviour when they take their pooch for a mooch.

The PAWS scheme was launched on Friday, April 10 at Bridgend Fire Station by the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Gary Thomas, and senior officers from SWFRS and South Wales Police.

The event included opportunities for owners to give their dog a health check, to be microchipped, and to meet the professional dogs of the police and urban search and rescue teams.

Members of the public who come across criminal or anti-social behaviour such as fly-tipping and fire setting will not be expected to intervene, but are asked to simply report and gather any evidence they can. Those involved will receive a hi-visibility collar for their dogs.

Coun Gary Thomas said: "As a dog owner myself, I am delighted to be among the first to sign up to



ABOVE: Bridgend county borough Mayor, Coun Gary Thomas, is a dog owner.

this fantastic new scheme.

"I think this is a wonderful initiative between the council, the fire service, the police, and of course the local community."

"We should all aim to keep an eye out when we're taking our dogs for a walk, and to report anything suspicious whether it's someone fly-tipping or setting a fire."

"Dogs, as we know, are particularly perceptive animals and they will often see and hear things that are maybe a bit out of place before their owners do."

"This scheme is about encouraging owners to take notice

of their dog's behaviour the next time they go for a walk, and to report any suspicious behaviour to the relevant authorities."

Sinead Tomalin-Reeves, from Top Dogs in Bridgend, added: "I think it's a fantastic initiative. The help anyone can give to the police to stop criminal behaviour is a bonus."

Jane Fisher, also from Top Dogs, added: "There should be more of this sort of thing going on - it encourages people to train their dogs to look out for anything unusual."

Group Manager Garry Davies, Head of Community Safety and Partnerships at South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, said: "This is a great scheme and SWFRS is delighted to be part of it alongside our partners in South Wales Police and Bridgend County Borough Council."

"As a service, we believe that collaborative working keeps our communities safe through raising awareness and reducing risk."

"Dog owners are able to get to areas that our crews and patrols cannot, which means that we have eyes - or paws - everywhere to ensure we continue to reduce anti-social behaviour in our communities, not only in Bridgend but across South Wales."

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## Bridgend Sports under-16s win Belgian tournament

## Retirement home opens its doors to family pets



**BRIDGEND Sports RFC under-16s and youth teams travelled to Belgium over Easter to play in the Ghent Easter Rugby Tournament.**

The event, one of the largest in Europe, attracted a record total of over 80 teams from all over Europe and the USA. The tournament, over two days, caters for men and women in youth and adult competitions.

Because of differing age classification, the Sports under-16s were obliged to play in the under-17s competition, but still managed to be undefeated in the group stage and went on to beat a strong team from

Medway in Kent in the final.

Unfortunately, the Sports' Youth team were unlucky to be knocked out of their quarter-final against St Mary's College from Dublin. Having led throughout the game, they conceded a late penalty which St Mary's converted with last kick of the game, giving them a one-point victory.

The teams stayed in the Novotel Hotel in the lovely town of Mechelen, which provided a platform for what was described as the best tour ever. The camaraderie between the two teams bodes well for a strong youth team over the coming seasons.

**RESIDENTS at RMBI Albert Edward, Porthcawl, have been taking part in National Pet Month, where the theme was, how many pets can we get in the building?**

RMBI Albert Edward held a 'bring your pet to work' day on Friday, April 10. Rebecca Timms said: "We were very lucky that residents were treated to such a large variety of animals."

"A number of staff brought in dogs, but the real highlights were Jon's corn snake named Scarlett, Dave's bantam hens, Kym's tortoise and Harriet's horse, Blue. Residents petted and enjoyed talking about the various pets while reminiscing about the pets they once had."

"The owners explained what was required to care for each animal and the

types of food they liked to eat.

"We would like to thank all our staff who took the time to bring in their pets for our residents' enjoyment. Perfect timing meant that one of our residents' daughters was bringing guinea pigs in to see her mother, and that meant that all our residents were treated to yet another animal."

"We have had a long-standing relationship with Owls 4 U, based in Barry, who recently visited the home. The team of owls are currently made up of two British barn owls, Mimi and Sox, a white faced owl, Lola, a rufous legged owl called Daniel and the latest addition, a Peruvian striped owl named Hope."

"Our home's dog, Suzie, is a constant reminder how important animals are for the wellbeing of the elderly."



Charlotte and Mrs Bennett.



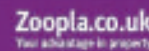
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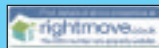
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# Promising start to new season for sea rowers



PICTURED: Back row: Emma Everitt, Tony Peters, Sarah Parson, Nicola Spear, Ian Mason, Bradley Peters. Front row: Maria Alvarez, Jane Peters, Rafa Perez-Dominguez, Paul Fisher.

**TWO crews from Barry Yacht Club Sea Rowing recently competed in The Cleddau Challenge, a race of 13 miles starting in Haverfordwest and finishing at Neyland Yacht Club.**

With 34 boats competing, it was quite a spectacle and a bit of fun getting the boats onto the river. Still, the race started on time with the first boats away by 11am.

After a really pleasant start in the sunshine, there was a pretty strong headwind on sections of the river, and for the last three miles, it was hard rowing against a strong westerly wind. Still, we all finished tired but exhilarated.

The first crew finished in 16th place in a

time of 1hr 52 minutes, with the second crew some nine minutes later. It was a fantastic performance from both teams, especially with three crew members still in their first year of rowing.

Barry Yacht Club Sea Rowing will be competing in the eight South League races this year, starting with Wiseman's Bridge on Sunday, May 17, and then travelling to all points in west Wales including Llangrannog, Dinas Head, Aberaeron and Llansteffan through to September.

Then there are the five distance races, which vary in length from eight miles to 14 miles.

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# Porthcawl RFC's faith in youngsters is repaid with win



Mattie Davies with the ball.

**PORThCAWL**, shorn of several unavailable players, put faith in their youngsters and took revenge for the earlier narrow defeat at South Road, taking the spoils in a remarkable turnaround of events.

On a glorious sunny afternoon and with the home pitch in perfect playing condition, both sides contrived to make too many errors and the first half had lasted almost half an hour before any sign of a break in the stalemate.

Just when the half seemed to be drifting to a mute close, with the Porthcawl eight having managed to achieve a platform near the home 22, Jordan Skidmore broke the ice with a snap dropped goal on 28 minutes for the visitors at 0-3.

Five minutes later, with the home side pressing, Skidmore, ever the possible game-breaker, latched delightfully onto a loose pass and intercepted to canter home untouched under the posts for a try he converted and 0-10 at the break.

The second half started and progressed in an entirely different vein, as Tonmawr proceeded to get a grip, first with a converted try for 7-10, then another to lead for the first time at 14-10 before pressure on the Porthcawl scrum yielded a penalty try, again converted.

At 21-10 the match had turned on its head as Seaweeds mistakes allowed the home side too much latitude, conceding points too easily and it seemed that the match would slip away.

Then came a remarkable turn-around in fortunes, as Dai James, playing well at both flanker and centre in this same match, took the fight to Tonmawr, with a superb break through midfield to set up a try for the impressive Owen Davies, converted by Skidmore before Davies himself turned provider. His searing break

**TONMAWR 24 PORTHCAWL 39**  
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Jordan Skidmore making a break with Joe Muir in support.

through a bemused home defence put Skidmore in for an unconverted try that put Porthcawl ahead by a point at 21-22.

A home penalty goal again put Ton ahead at 24-22 before Porthcawl found a remarkable purple patch that took the match in some style.

Firstly, with the young Porthcawl eight now applying the pressure to the home scrum just short of the try-line, flanker Joe Bowen was first to the ball as it shot out of the retreating scrum, to grab a crucial try at 24-27.

Next the galloping Rhys Mortimer, on barely a few minutes as a sub, tore into the home defence for fellow youth lock

Christian Long to grab the ball and plunge over at the posts for a try that Skidmore again improved and 24-34.

With time ticking away, Skidmore produced a sublime piece of skill, feigning to drop at goal before flicking the ball left to rampaging skipper Lloyd Long, who charged over for the final try at 24-39.

This entertaining match was full of surprises and the way it loosened up in the latter stages provided the Seaweeds with a much-welcomed boost ahead of the showdown with Pyle in the season's final league match at South Road, this coming Saturday.

## Barry and District latest sports tables

**CRIB Division 1:** Cadoxton Cons B 3, Rhose Social 6, Harbour A 2; Savoy B 3, Wyndham Cons 9; Rhose Social C 2; Moors Boys 6, West End 9; Liberals 7, Railway 8; West End Wanderers 9, Cadoxton Cons 6.

**League Table:** Wyndham Cons 193; Cadoxton Cons 192; Liberals 192; Moors Boys 185; West End Wanderers 180; West End 176; Rhose Social 169; Railway 153.

**Skittles Division 1:** Rugby Club 5, Sea View B 2; Rhose Social A 3, Allsorts 4; Rhose Social B 6, Runway Club 1; Rhose Social C 1; Rhose Social D 5.

**League Table:** Sea View B 121.0; West End C 116.5; Allsorts 104.0; King William XII 99.0; West End D 91.5; Barries Boys 89.5; Slammers 88.0; Rugby Club 87.0; Rhose Social A 83.5; Rhose Social B 80.0; Rhose Social C 64.5; Cambrian Flyers 59.0; Runway Club 55.5; Liberals C 53.5.

**Snooker Division 1:** Wyndham Cons A 2, Cadoxton Cons Z 3; 'barry leagues'.

## Porthcawl under-8s develop their skills

**PORThCAWL 27 BRYNCOCH 30**

**PORThCAWL under-8s welcomed a Bryncoch side who brought with them a very strong squad, and two games were played.**

It was Porthcawl's first game in a number of weeks and they seemed slow to kick into gear which allowed the opposition to attack the spaces and build a lead.

After leaking six quick tries, heads started to drop. It looks like we need to work on our line speed and build the confidence again in tagging ahead of next weekend's festival at Kenfig Hill.

On the positive, despite a slow start the commitment shown and the never-say-die attitude shone through at the end with Stu's team pushing Bryncoch all the way in the second game, just missing out as a result of a couple of missed tags going down 6-7, a great improvement on first game losing 7-1.

In difficult games you need your players to step up and a number of our team put their hand up and led the charge for Porthcawl.

Let's start with Dexter, who didn't stop all game driving up in defence, scoring a try, and making some last-gasp try saving tags, deservedly picking up clubman award for making the difference.

Hot on his heels was Lewis who picked up top tagger award to add to the five tries with another great all-round performance.

In the other game, other stand-out performances came from Dewi who met the challenge of spinning out of the tackle. It worked, spinning through three players to cross.

Dewi, tagging and passing, drove the team forward and he picked up best effort clubman award for all-round effort.

Sam also had a fine game swerving and spinning all day. He tagged his heart out, coming out top tagger of the day for finishing off some great tries winning the first 6-4, and a hard fought win at the end 8-7 where sheer determination got us over the line.

In addition to effort, what was also pleasing was the number of try scorers, with nearly every player scoring, showing the team ethic and willingness now for players to pass ball into space for their team mates.

Tries: Dewi 6, Lewis 5, Sam 5, Dylan, Ryan Brody 2, Dexter, Oscar, Lex, Taylor, Zane. Top try scorer award for best try of the game, Sam.

Clubman best effort, Dewi. Clubman make a difference, Dexter. Top tagger, Lewis 15. Other good tagging displays from Dewi 23, Dexter 17, Sam 16, Oscar 13, Lex 13, Ben 7, Brody 6, Ryan 5, Dylan 4, Taylor Zane 3.

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## Porthcawl under-10s in 'Plate' victory

**Porthcawl 25 - 15 Bridgend Ath:**

Try scorers: Stefan Yardley (two), Luke Roberts (two), Noah Eastment.

**Porthcawl 5 - 5 Kenfig Hill:**

Try scorer: Noah Eastment.

**Porthcawl 30 - 5 Cambrian Colts:** Try scorers: Luke Roberts (three), Noah Eastment (two), Stefan Yardley.

**Porthcawl 15 - 20 Valley Ravens:** Try scorers: Noah Eastment (two) Luke Roberts.

**Porthcawl 15 - 10 St Peter's:**

Try scorers: Luke Roberts, Josh Woodbridge, Noah Eastment.

Finished second and won the plate!!

**MAT ROBERTS**

## Sully Bridge Club results

**SULLY Bridge Club results for the week ending Saturday, April 11 are as follows:**

**Monday, April 6**

North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Jane Brooks - 67.82; 2nd Shirley Powell/Janet Cunningham - 58.10; 3rd Pat Evans/Jane Greatrex - 50.69. East/West: 1st Pam Sherman/Patsy Cohen - 65.97; 2nd Anne MacDougall/Anne Hilary Jones - 60.42; 3rd Merion Avon/Dorothy Foulkes - 55.56.

**Wednesday, April 8**

North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy - 59.66; 2nd Joan Andrews/Joy Secular - 58.71; 3rd Anne Johns/Bunty Wiseman - 55.87. East/West: 1st Jane Greatrex/John Pikoulis - 62.41; 2nd Anne Gavin/Judy Collins - 58.92; 3rd Pam Sherman/Pam Powditch - 58.57.

**Saturday, April 11**

North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy - 63.33; 2nd Joan Thomson/Sheila Kavanagh - 52.50; 3rd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig - 52.50. East/West: 1st Brenda Shepherd/Una Gavin - 67.36; 2nd Lynne Leyburne/Bill Leyburne - 54.14; 3rd Sue Knight/Brian Knight - 50.00.





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## Thank You

### Frank & Roz Couzens

would like to thank their  
amazing family for a wonderful  
weekend celebrating their 50th  
wedding anniversary and to  
family and friends for their  
generous gifts and good wishes.

*Thank you all very much.*

## VENNERS

On the occasion of our  
Diamond Wedding  
**JEAN & PETER WOULD  
LIKE TO THANK**

family & all friends for their  
generous contributions to the  
Teenage Cancer Trust and  
the grand total being £646.

*Absolutely amazing!*

*Special thanks to Karen for  
her organisational skills, the  
Cafa Paco ie. Lyndon, Hannah  
& staff for all the hard work  
& lovely food which was  
enjoyed by all.*

*Last but not least, thanks  
to Deano & Marc for the  
entertainment.*

## Birthdays

### Cliff Gray

**Happy  
80th  
Birthday**  
on 19th April

*To a wonderful Dad on  
his 80th birthday.  
Love Jackie & Alun xxx*

**Happy 80th Hula. Love  
Danielle & Michael,  
Alix & Ben xxx**

*To our Great Bampy on  
his 80th. Love Imogen,  
Flynn, Camille & Baye xxx*

## Birth Notices

### Congratulations

**Laura & Gavin Williams**  
on the birth of our beautiful granddaughter

**Kaitlin Grace Williams**  
born on 10th April 2015  
With lots of love Mom & Dad xxxx

### Congratulations

**Laura & Gavin  
Williams**  
on the birth of our  
gorgeous niece

**Kaitlin Grace  
Williams**  
on 10th April 2015  
Lots of love, Stephanie,  
Daniel and Sarah xxx

## Public Notice

**RHYBUDD O WNEUD GORCHYMYN  
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CYHOEDDUS 2015**

Bydd y gorchymyn uchod, a wnaethpwyd ar 20 Mawrth 2015  
o dan Adran 119 Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980, yn ailgyfeirio bydd  
Lwybr Troed Cyhoeddus sy'n cychwyn yn Heol Dochdwy  
wrth (GGC 316944 172960), ac yn dod i ben yn iard  
chwarae'r plant wrth (GGC 316997 172971). Bellach bydd  
yn dilyn llinell sy'n cychwyn yn Heol Dochdwy wrth (GGC  
316942 172962) ac yn dod i ben yn iard chwarae'r plant wrth  
(GGC 316997 172971), fel y'i dangosir ar fap y gorchymyn.

Mae copiau o'r gorchymyn a'r map wedi'u gosod, a  
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Swyddfa'r Doc, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, CF63 4RT erbyn  
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Os na ddaw sylwadau neu wrthwynebiadau i law yn y  
ffordd briodol, neu os caiff y rhai a dderbyniwyd felly eu  
tynnu'n ôl, bydd hawl i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg gadarnhau'r  
gorchymyn ei hun fel gorchymyn diwrthwynebiad. Os  
caiff y gorchymyn ei anfon at Weinidogion Cymru ar gyfer  
ei gadarnhau, bydd y sylwadau a'r gwrthwynebiadau nas  
tynnwyd yn ôl, yn cael eu hanfon gyda'r gorchymyn.

Dyddiedig 16 Ebrill 2015



**NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER  
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980  
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO  
51 PENARTH)  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION  
ORDER 2015**

The above order, made on the 20th March 2015, under  
Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the  
public footpath running from Dochdwy Road (NGR  
316944 172960) to within the children's playground  
(NGR 316997 172971) to a line running from Dochdwy  
Road (NGR 316942 172962) to within the children's  
playground (NGR 316997 172971) as shown on the  
order map.

A copy of the order and the order map have been placed  
and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office,  
Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT during normal office  
hours. Copies of the order and map may be bought there  
at the price of £4.50.

Any representations about or objections to the order  
may be sent in writing to the Director of Development  
Services, Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT  
not later than the 14th May 2015. Please state the  
grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly  
made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Vale  
of Glamorgan Council may confirm the order as an  
unopposed order. If the order is sent to the Welsh  
Ministers for confirmation any representations and  
objections which have not been withdrawn will be  
sent with the order.

Dated this 16th April 2015

## GEM FAMILY NOTICES

### MULLIN

#### Violet Eveline (Nee Palfrey)

Peacefully at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry on  
April 2, Vi formerly of Aneurin Road, Barry. Dearly  
beloved wife of the late Joe, much loved mum of Eileen,  
Geoffrey and Marilyn, mother-in-law of Gerald,  
Christine and Charles. Loving nan of Daniel, Thomas,  
Garth and Rhys and great-nan of Libbi and Ila.  
Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Tynwydd Funeral Home,  
Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service in the  
chapel on Monday, April 20 at 11am, followed by  
cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium,  
Barry at 12noon. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

### ADAMS

#### Edward Howell

Paul and Charlotte would like to thank  
everyone who attended the funeral and  
supported them at this very sad time.

### HOWE

#### Marian Vera

Suddenly on April 5 at Milsom House, Marian  
of St. Athan. Beloved wife of the late Sid, dearly  
loved mother of Gillian and son-in-law Robert.  
Much loved grandmother of Faye, Karen and  
Lynne, a cherished great grandmother and  
great great grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James  
& Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday April 21,  
service 2pm at St. Athan Church, followed by  
interment in St. Athan Cemetery. Flowers may be  
sent to the funeral home.

### BOWEN

#### Anita Joy

Unexpectedly and peacefully at home on April 2 at  
the early age of 49 years. Nita a proud mother and  
wife of Stephen, Christie, Niall and Kelsie.  
Grandmother to William, Millie, Kai and Kian.

*She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.*

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral  
Service, 181 Court Road until her service at Vale  
Funeral Service Chapel, Windsor Road, Barry  
(opposite Mount Sorrel Hotel) on Tuesday, April 21  
at 1.30pm where all are welcome, followed by a  
private committal service for immediate family and  
close friends.

Black attire optional, a special request is that colourful  
clothing be worn, maybe something purple to reflect  
on Nita's favourite colour and her personality.

Family flowers only, donations if desired may be made  
at the service to MIND or The Dogs Trust in memory  
of Nita. Further enquiries to Lyndsay J Ellis 01446  
407962.

### BARCELLO

#### Marion Linda

Peacefully on April 6 at Barry Hospital,  
Marion of St. Athan. Beloved wife of the late  
Owen, dearly loved mother of Stephen and  
Michael, dear mother-in-law of Judith, much  
loved by all her grandchildren and great  
grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James  
& Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday April 21,  
service and interment 11am at St. Athan Church.  
Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

### WARD

#### Dorothy

Chris, Carol, Viv, Grayham and Ashly would like  
to thank friends & neighbours who attended  
Dorothy's funeral.

Special thanks go to David Juliff and Carol Davies  
and her family for all their support.

Thanks to everyone for their cards,  
donations and messages of sympathy and  
to W James & Son for their professionalism.

### MARY BERKELEY

Passed on April 20th 2011.  
Sadly missed by husband Colin and all  
the family.  
*"Rest in peace"*

### ROBERTS

#### Stanley Gordon

Passed away peacefully on April 8, aged 99  
years in Barry Hospital.

Funeral will be held on April 16 at 4pm at  
A.G. Adams, then 5pm at Barry Crematorium.  
*Stan will be very sadly missed by all of his family  
and friends. Family flowers only.*

### THOMAS

#### William Evan

Peacefully at home with his family. Evan  
much loved brother of Elizabeth and loving  
uncle. Sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium,  
Tuesday, April 21 at 12 noon. No flowers by  
request, donations in lieu of flowers may be sent  
to National Trust, St Nicholas, Vale of  
Glamorgan, CF5 6SU.

### KILLA

#### Jean

Peacefully in her sleep at home after a  
short illness on April 10 April. Jane, much loved  
mother of Robert, Ann, Gereint and Janet,  
grandmother of Rebecca, Hannah, Robert,  
Eleanor and Kate.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral  
service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on  
Tuesday, April 21 at 10am. Family flowers only,  
donations in lieu, if so desired for Marie Curie  
Cancer Hospice Penarth, for where her family are  
very grateful for their unstinting care of Jean.



## PHOENIX ARE ON LOOK-OUT FOR NEW RUGBY TALENT



*The Pencoed Phoenix senior team. Photograph by Julie Hancock.*

**PENCOED Phoenix are looking to recruit new players, coaches, first aiders and anyone willing to help and give up their valuable time for this exciting local women's team.**

Phoenix are a Premiership side and have been to the Super Cup finals day in Llandovery, as well as beach rugby tournaments and have been winners of the league.

Phoenix have two Welsh internationals already playing for Wales, and they have been to Dubai and the Women's World cup 2014.

This year Phoenix are in the semi-final of the Plate Cup on April 26, venue to be confirmed.

*You must be 18 to play. Contact the team manager, Michele Halse, on 07709 073912 or email michelegh76@outlook.com.*

## Pencoed hosts girls' rugby tournament



*The Pencoed Phoenix under-16s. Photo by Julie Hancock.*

**THERE will be a girls' under-18s rugby tournament at Pencoed RFC and Pencoed School on April 19, first kick-off at 10am with two pitches available and the final played on Pencoed RFC's main ground.**

There are 10 teams involved in games, coming from as far as Whitland to Gwernyfed.

We will be welcoming WRU women players' representatives on the day, with guests Carys Phillips and Shona Powell-Hughes.

The event is being sponsored by Invacare Pencoed.uk. Guests include Welsh women internationals.

*All are welcome to be involved. Contact under-16s Pencoed Phoenix coach Leanne Casley on 07921 312897.*

## Pencoed run riot against Peterborough

**RECENTLY, Pencoed under-14s entertained Peterborough RFC, the current Cambridgeshire league champions, and undefeated this year.**

Pencoed scored 11 tries to come out as 69-7 winners.

Try-scorers were: Cael Chamberlain (four); Tom Bending (three); Josh Sands (one); Brigan Parrish (one); Luke Brown (one); Sam Costelow (one, and seven conversions).



*Photos by Julie Hancock.*

## BBC'S SCRUM V TEAM VISITS BRYNTEG COMPREHENSIVE

**ON Friday, March 27 the Scrum V team came to Brynteg to find out how the role of a school's rugby development officer has impacted on the game within the school.**

Brynteg has a proud tradition of producing Welsh rugby stars, both past and present.

Currently ex-pupil Rob Howley is assistant coach of the Welsh team and hooker Scott Baldwin and scrum-half Rhys Webb were both part of this year's Six Nation's squad.

During the visit, Rhys Webb came to share his expertise with year-7 pupils, giving them advice and tips on improving their game.

He also presented the year-11 rugby boys with their jerseys in advance of their semi-final in the Welsh Schools' Cup.

When asked in a question and answer session with the year-11 rugby team "What was the proudest moment of his career so far?" Rhys had no hesitation in revealing that the highlight must surely be scoring his first try for Wales.

Ross Harries, the *Scrum V* frontman, interviewed Josh Lewsey on his role as head of rugby performance in Wales.

The former England World Cup winning centre is responsible for the strategic management of the whole of the game in Wales, from community to elite level, and keeps his eye firmly on grass-roots rugby as it has a major role to play in the future of the game in Wales.

Brynteg's rugby development officer, Ben Thomas, is one of four officers in Bridgend county schools, but more are expected in the near future.

Ben, who plays for Welsh Premiership team Aberavon, commented: "The programme has proved very successful this year and the players have enjoyed the experience. This is only the beginning, so watch this space!"



*ABOVE: Left to right: Rhys Webb; Brynteg's headteacher Mr David Jenkins; Josh Lewsey; head of PE Mr Adam Rosser; and Ben Thomas - Brynteg's rugby development officer.*

*BELOW: Rhys Webb with the year-11 rugby team with their jerseys.*



## ATHLETIC START ANNIVERSARY SEASON WITH RESOUNDING WIN

**ON Saturday, Barry Athletic Cricket Club opened their historic 125th anniversary season with a resounding win over local rivals Dinas Powys.**

Barry won the toss and captain David Goodway asked the visitors to bat first on a green lush wicket at the Athletic ground on a breezy sunny afternoon.

Dinas Powys openers Hannah and Piddock got off to a solid start and put on 49 for the first wicket before Piddock was run out by wicketkeeper Reji for 29.

Hannah went on to score a fine 50 in 62 balls before he became one of Goodway's three wickets in one over.

Mitchell was caught by Usswald for 0 and the very next ball Preston was lbw for 0. The score was now

81 for four and three wickets had fallen in four balls.

Tucker went with the score 115, caught Dawson off the bowling of Usswald. Dimoro was next to go, bowled by Usswald for 28.

Doel then picked up the wickets of Mosley caught by Baker 18 and Storey, bowled for three.

Dinas Powys finished on 156 for eight off their 40 overs.

Bowling figures were: Goodway, three for 34; Usswald, two for 25; and Doel, two for 26.

In reply, Barry were soon six for one when they lost the wicket of Jones for 0, caught off the bowling of Ali.

There was then a partnership of 35 before Dawson was bowled for 18 with the score on 41.

This brought Baker to the wicket and he was showing some fine form with some majestic shots square of

the wicket as he added 89 with Brock, who had come to the wicket after the fall of Goodway for 30.

Baker then retired hurt with a fine 74 off 67 balls with 12 fours.

Griffett came and went before Reji and Brock saw the home side home to their score of 157 for four and a six-wicket win for the home side, with Brock not out 23, including his first six for the club.

This Saturday, Barry Athletic Cricket Club will be holding its 125th anniversary dinner at The Masonic Hall, Broad Street, Barry; there are some places left and it is priced at £25 for a four-course meal with Phil Steele the guest speaker.

*Anyone requiring information can contact Mark Rees on 07570 135831 or e-mail markrees509@hotmail.com*

## HORSES CAN MAKE FOOLS OF US ALL!

**SPARE a thought for National Hunt trainer and former leading point-to-point rider Tim Vaughan.**

Up until just a year ago, he trained *Saint Are* which finished a good runner-up to *Many Clouds* in Saturday's Grand National.

In fact, Tim had won two races at Aintree with *Saint Are*, the first a novice hurdle race in 2011 and the second a big listed race - the John Smith Handicap Chase - in 2012.

The horse later went to Slad trainer Tom George, who is of the opinion that if the run-in hadn't been shortened last year, *Saint Are* might well have overtaken *Many Clouds* who had won by just one and three quarters of a length.

French-bred *Saint Are* is described in Timeform's Chasers & Hurdles annual as a workmanlike gelding who often races prominently and lazily and often let down by his jumping.

Which only goes to show that horses can make fools of you!

**BRIAN LEE**



## VI's victorious in the Supporters' Cup final



ABOVE: The VIs are delighted to have landed some silverware

**VI Football Club claimed their first trophy since forming in 2013 with a 2-1 victory over Tynewydd FC in a closely contested Supporters' Cup final at Jenner Park on Sunday.**

Club captain and top scorer, Jordan Mortimore, did the damage with a second half brace adding to his already impressive personal season haul of 58 goals.

Tynewydd mounted a comeback late on with Dale Miller finishing a superb volley but the mid-table club failed to capitalise on their momentum and slipped to a second successive divisional Cup final defeat.

The Barry-based club finished the match with ten men after Gareth Union saw red for a late challenge on Jamie Robinson.

There was little malice in the tackle, but the match referee deemed it dangerous and dismissed Union with seconds left on the clock.

Manager Bill Laing has enjoyed many victories with his side this campaign and said: "The lads deserve the rewards as they've put in some strong displays this season and done the job, even when we weren't playing particularly well."

"I'm pleased for everyone and it will be valuable experience for the younger lads."

Captaining those lads is striker Jordan Mortimore who has enjoyed an unprecedented run of scoring form and dealt with the pressure of scoring the Cup final winner.

Speaking after the match, he said: "I felt a huge pressure taking it, especially with some of the younger lads dying to grab their first silverware."

With the VIs currently 10 points clear atop division one and Tynewydd in tenth place, supporters at Jenner Park could be forgiven for thinking this match would be more one-sided than it turned out.

Both teams had chances during the first half without any real danger to the scoreline at either end.

The VI back line of Reece Lewis, Nicky Cox, Richie Humphreys and Jamie Robinson filtered out any Tynny danger, with goalkeeper Paul Lucas plugging any leaks with ease.

It was the second half that saved the game and the ever-reliant Mortimore who scored the opener to alleviate VI fears.

Certainly not the cleanest of goals of the VI captain's 58 this season with the striker scoring from close range after Aaron Rogers and Leigh Lewis's efforts were blocked in a goal mouth scramble.

The VIs were then momentarily down to 10 men as Dean Cleave received treatment for a head wound,

but that didn't stop Mortimore sprinting at Tynewydd's defence and winning a free kick.

The captain fired the 30-yard set piece over the wall and onto the bar with a huge whack, coming so close to a second.

Tynewydd were struggling to mount a reply and it wasn't long before the VIs' lead was eventually doubled.

Tony Charles pushed up-field to pressure Tynny's defence and won the ball for the advancing Rogers. The forward hugged the edge of the pitch and rolled the ball inside to Mortimore, who tapped the ball past a defender in the box and was upended to earn a penalty.

As designated spot kick taker, the fouled captain took hold of the ball and struck home his second with what would turn out to be the winning goal with a low shot just right of the centre of the goal.

Despite the onslaught and setbacks, Tynewydd refused to give up and their efforts were rewarded with around 10 minutes left of the final.

Tynewydd winger, Dale Miller connected perfectly with a right footed volley across the VI goal and the ball settled into the net to set up a nail biting finish to the tie with extra time and penalties a possibility.

Unfortunately for the team in red, the goal was their last hurrah and to add insult to injury they finished the encounter with ten men when Jamie Robinson suffered a late challenge from Tynny coach and player Gareth Union. The young referee took his time with his decision and despite seconds left on the clock, decided to send the midfielder off.

After the game, Union showed class in congratulating the winners and also said: "Gutted I was sent off, but it was a very good game and our boys pushed them all the way."

VOGAFL Division One rivals Wenvoe Arms slipped up away at Glenbrook FC last week so Bill Laing and co can secure the title with two games to spare if they beat Barry Albion.

A VI Football Club spokesman said: "We'd like to thank all the fans who traveled to Jenner Park on Sunday for cheering us on and adding a voice to our victory. Also, thank you to our sponsors for supporting our cup run and we hope to secure another two trophies yet. Our sponsors are Owens Motor Services, Llandow. Higgy Site Services, Barry and The Three Horseshoes Inn, St Athan."

VI team: P Lucas, R Lewis, N Cox, R Humphreys, J Robinson, J Laing, T Charles, J Austin, C Goodwin, A Rogers, J Mortimore. Subs: R West, S Thomas, D Garrison, L Lewis, D Cleave.

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## LLANTWIT UNDER-10s GET TO THE SEMIS

**LAST Sunday saw Llantwit under-10s spend the day at a very cold Pentrych Rugby Club for the Cardiff and Vale District Tournament.**

Last year, as under-9s, Llantwit came second in the tournament, losing out to St Peters, this year they were hoping for one better.

The first game of the day for Llantwit was against Llandaff. The game started off a bit scrappy from both teams, with missed chances at both ends.

It was Llantwit who were first to find space, with a great run from Rhys G to score Llantwit's first try of the tournament. He quickly followed that up with his first conversion.

Llandaff were strong, knocking play back a few times, but they just could not break Llantwit's defensive line. Some fantastic tackling from Dylan W and Iwan, and great rucking from Caleb, opened the field enough for Sam H to break through and score Llantwit's second try, and with Rhys G converting it, the final score was 14-0 to Llantwit.

The second match was against Penarth. This was a fast running game, with Llantwit starting the scoring off with two lovely running tries from Sam A.

Llantwit played some great rugby, passing through the players, creating opportunities for Caleb, Corey and Rhys G to add to Llantwit's score. Penarth were trying hard to break through Llantwit's line, but it stood strong.

Olly and Logan were at the breakdown quickly, talking to players, getting the ball out of the rucks quickly to Sam A and Dylan M who added to the scoreline, making the final score 50-0 to Llantwit.

The third match was against local rivals, Cowbridge. This local clash has always been a tough game, and with both teams looking for a win to get through to the knockout rounds, today wasn't any different.

Llantwit played strong and fast, and they were first to break through the Cowbridge defence, with Caleb pushing his way over the line and Rhys G converting it to open the scores.

Cowbridge were not taking it quietly though. They tackled strongly, making Llantwit play some great rugby. Cowbridge were next to run over the try line and convert it, taking the score level.

It took some great team work, passing, and strong rucking to make just enough space for Sam A to burst down the line to score the final try of the game, and with Logan converting it, the final score was 14-7 to



ABOVE: Llantwit Major in black, contested hard at the breakdown.



A break is on for Llantwit.



ABOVE: The Llantwit under-10s put everything into the tournament.

Llantwit.

The last pool match was against St Peters, and Llantwit knew that this would be their toughest match yet. And they weren't wrong! St Peters were more drilled and structured than Llantwit from the start.

They quickly scored and converted three tries in the first half. Llantwit kept their heads up and worked hard. They were starting to pass the ball around trying to get it out wide, and eventually through sheer determination, they managed to create enough of a gap for Sam A to race to the line and score Llantwit's only try of the match.

St Peters played amazingly; they took the ball from Llantwit at the breakdown almost every time, passing the ball out wide quickly to the hands of their wingers, who scored another three tries this match. The final score was 7-42 to St Peters.

Llantwit had made it through to the quarters finals against Rumney. It was a very feisty match, with both teams wanting to go through to the semi-finals. Llantwit were the first to score with Caleb scoring a great try, and with Rhys G converting. Rumney were a very physical side, and it took some great defensive work from Llantwit to keep Rumney away from the try line.

There were some crunching tackles, and I'm sure there will have been some stud marked players out on the pitch, as both sides threw everything they had at the game.

Rumney scored a hard won try in the second half, only to be followed quickly by two fantastic tries from Sam A, which were converted by Rhys G to bring the final score to 21-7 to Llantwit.

Llantwit were through to the semi-finals against St Peters, definitely not who Llantwit wanted to meet at this stage of the competition. It was a brilliant game to watch, and all players put everything into it.

Sam A, Logan, Dylan M and Iwan threw themselves at St Peters players to try and stop them, but St Peters were trying to keep their title from last season, and they just out-played Llantwit.

Final score 35-0 to St Peters. Heads up boys, keep at it and maybe next year it'll be the championship for you!

Squad: Tom Roberts, Logan Pike, Sam Harry, Iwan Thomas, Rhys Greenaway, Sam Alexander, Dylan Morgan, Corey Lougher, Dylan Wright, Rhys Davies, Olly Williams, Cristian Parry and Caleb Beare.

## Boxing club's Rhoose event

**MEMBERS of the Llantwit Major Amateur Club are training for their next boxing event at the Cambrian Club, Rhoose on Saturday, May 16.**

The exhibition boxing starts at 4pm. It is an outside event with a barbecue (£10 and £5 children). The event is in aid of the South Wales Air Ambulance, and also the boxing club.

There will be an auction of boxing memorabilia.

The club is looking



for sponsors for each bout, so if anyone is interested in sponsoring a bout, call Karl Jones on 07738 386098, Micky Dixon 07970 394966, or Tony Meakin 01446 796784.

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# BRYNTEG YEAR-9 TAKE THE BISHOPSTON SEVENS TITLE

YEAR-9 took a break from their busy Welsh Cup campaign to compete in the illustrious Bishopston School Sevens in Swansea.

Brynteg cruised through their group, defeating Dyffryn School and Ysgol Gyfun Cwn Rhymni along the way. The weather dictated much of the day, with Brynteg having to adapt their usual expansive game plan.

Brynteg were then drawn against the much fancied Ysgol Dyffryn Amman in the quarter final. However, Brynteg really rose to the occasion to put in a dominant 38-10 victory, with captain Cael Chamberlain, Dan O'Sullivan and Dan Osarigie leading a huge physical performance.

Brynteg then faced another tough opponent in the semi-final in Ysgol Gyfun Cwmtawe. The conditions seemed to worsen before kick-off, but this didn't stop Brynteg putting in another impressive effort. Kasari Mehta put in a huge performance with Connor Fabian and Harry Ridge orchestrating things as half back pairing. Brynteg ran out eventual winners 32-0.

Brynteg progressed to the final where they faced the impressive Ysgol Bro Dinefwr. The rain lashed down as Brynteg kicked off and Bro Dinefwr caught them napping and ran in a try straight from the kick off!

Brynteg survived long periods of attacking pressure. Connor Cunningham led the effort with a huge defensive performance. Mehta once again tackled like a man possessed and won turnover after turnover. Ridge and Fabian pulled the strings superbly well. Alexander, Marshall and Owen added superb impact from the side-line as Brynteg looked to put the game out of reach. O'Sullivan, Chamberlain and Osarigie were heroic in both attack and defence.

Unfortunately, there was a big blow for Brynteg before kick off as Fin Mullens was unable to play in the final as he aggravated a groin injury in the semi-final victory over Cwmtawe. Brynteg missed his attacking prowess but won a tense final 26-14 and were crowned 2015 Bishopston Sevens Cup Champions!



**ABOVE:** (standing left to right): Harry Ridge, Nathan Alexander, Connor Cunningham, Daniel Osarigie, Daniel O'Sullivan, Jamie Marshall.

**Kneeling (left to right): Sam Owen, Cael Chamberlain (c), Kasari Mehta, Fin Mullens and Connor Fabian.**

## Cathedral School Sevens

**THE Brynteg Senior Rugby Sevens squad travelled to Cathedral School Sevens to compete in their first annual Sevens competition.**

The afternoon provided the perfect preparation for Rosslyn Park and also allowed the chance for some Year-11 talent to gain some valuable experience on the Welsh Sevens circuit.

Brynteg played three games in total, having to settle for a draw against a much fancied Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni outfit. They defeated the competitive hosts Cathedral School in game two and were convincing winners against Rougemont School in game three.

The Brynteg side's superior points difference meant they were named tournament winners. Brynteg were led by captain Lewis Brennan, who set the tone for the day with some fantastic touches.

# Rugby stars learn a brand new game



**Left to right, Wayne Evans, John Hastings and Aled Brew.**

**TWO young stars of Welsh rugby have been finding out how tough the game of golf is at St Andrew's Major Golf Club.**

Welsh international Aled Brew of the Newport Gwent Dragons and Wayne Evans formally of the same club but now playing for Coventry RFC, have been taking a series of lessons from the club's PGA professional, John Hastings.

They have quickly realised that the physical strength which is so important for top class rugby is not of great value for golf – if they have not mastered the finer aspects of a game which places a premium on co-ordination, relaxation and timing.

Wayne said: "I started having lessons off John about two years ago and learnt from him that the effort I was putting into trying to smash the ball vast distances was counter-productive.

"Now, both Aled and myself have seen a big improvement in our games due to John's coaching, with the emphasis on learning to strike the ball better but not harder, which I think all rugby players are guilty of. Although we don't always put into practice what he is teaching, we are beginning to enjoy our golf a lot more.

"We really enjoy the relaxed atmosphere at St Andrew's with the driving range and nine hole course, which only takes a couple of hours to play, suiting us perfectly.

"It's been said that rugby is physically probably the toughest of all games to play but golf has to be the toughest mentally," said John, who has British Lions Tom Shanklin, Geoff Evans and former Wales coach Alan Davies among his pupils.

Contact details for St Andrews GC are: secretary Lesley Thomas on 01446 722227 or John Hastings on 07761137265.

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## Scorpions' errors gift the Skolars easy win

**SOUTH Wales Scorpions gifted London Skolars their first win of the season after a number of errors led directly to tries in Mountain Ash on Sunday.**

The capital side won 30-12 for their first victory under new coach Jermaine Coleman but the Scorpions, who fought well for most of the game, should have had more.

The home side took the lead on eight minutes. After winning a penalty, a good passing move saw Ian Newbury score in the corner. Paul Emanuelli converted.

Then came two dreadful tries that shouldn't have been conceded.

Skolars levelled on 20 minutes after James Anthony picked up a loose ball and ran over half the length of the field. Tommy Connick converted.

Another error led to their second try after Connick took advantage of a spilled ball to easily run 20 metres to score. Will Fairhurst took over the goal kicking duties for the rest of the game and converted that one.

The home side did level after winning a penalty. A good set of six culminated in Jordan Sheridan weaving his way through the Skolars' back-line.

But London hit back straight away as Connick was allowed to waltz through the Scorpions' defence. Fairhurst goaled to make it 18-12 at the break.

Scorpions failed to take advantage of a repeat set

### South Wales Scorpions 12 – London Skolars 30 by Ian Golden

at the start of the second half and it was Skolars who extended their lead in the 53rd minute when Olly Bloom went over from close range. Fairhurst goaled to bring the score up to 24-12.

Bloom could have had another soon after but was held up on the final tackle of a set.

Scorpions were unlucky when Newbury shrugged off two defenders to ground but it was chalked off for a forward pass. Then Curtis Davies kicked too far for Newbury to catch on the wing.

The game was sealed with seven minutes to go when a high bomb was dropped in front of the line and Harvey Bennett took advantage for the easiest try he'd ever score. Fairhurst completed his 100 per cent record with the boot.

Even after winning a penalty 10 metres out, the Scorpions couldn't get a consolation try as the ball was coughed up.

**SOUTH WALES SCORPIONS:** Jordan Sheridan, Ian Newbury, Paul Edwards, Kyle Scrivens, Yannic Parker, Curtis Davies, Paul Emanuelli, Osian Phillips, Connor Farrer, Morgan Evans, Bradley Hill, Mike Connor, Neil Dallimore. Substitutes: Zak Williams, Anthony Symons, Rhys Davies, Dafydd Hellard.

## Cottrell Park ladies present winter prizes



The nuns' choir from Sister Act.



Lady captain Helen Poole (left) presents Helen Evans, the winter league winner, with her trophy.



Lorraine Pointon-Bell, Winter eclectic winner.

**THE ladies of Cottrell Park Golf club celebrated Easter with a 12-hole 'Spring Waltz' competition on a beautiful sunny day.**

This was won by Tina Morgan, Chris Impey and Maureen Bowen with 50 points, and second were Lorraine Pointon-Bell, Helen Evans and Jenny Whiting.

A total of 60 ladies sat down to a delicious lunch, and prior to this Helen Evans was presented with the Winter league trophy and Lorraine Pointon-Bell the Winter Eclectic trophy.

Following lunch, Chris Impey entertained the ladies by reciting two very witty poems.

The ladies' committee, dressed in nuns' habits, sang 'I Will Follow Him' from *Sister Act*, with much hilarity. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

A very enjoyable day was organised by ladies' captain Helen Poole with the support of the committee. She thanked Angela Padfield for providing the lovely table flowers.

Brian Lee

CB

## Strong local showing in Duncan Putter

**CELTIC Manor's Josh Davies claimed the best win of his career by winning the Duncan Putter at Southerndown Golf Club, leading the way in a strong Welsh showing at the event.**

Four of the top eight players were from Wales, with Conwy's Evan Griffith in fifth, Llanwrn's Owen Edwards and Southerndown's Llewellyn Matthews tied in sixth place.

Davies was one of only two players to break 70 on the challenging links course, his second round 69 laying the platform for victory in tricky conditions. Jamie Bower of Meltham, who finished tied fifth, was the only other player to register a 69.

Irishman Conor O'Rourke was one shot behind, while English pair Jonathan Thomson and Jimmy Mullen were two shots further back in joint third.

Davies, aged 18, is a former winner of the Golf Union of Wales Hugh James Boys' Order of Merit and the Principality Junior Wales Open and has represented Wales through the age grades, but this was his best senior win – following fellow Welsh teenager Tim Harry, who won the Duncan Putter two years ago.

"It was great to see Josh winning the Duncan Putter, but in some ways it was just as encouraging to see the number of Welsh players who were challenging at the top end of the leaderboard," said Golf Union of Wales director of performance Ben Waterhouse.

"The Duncan Putter always attracts a strong entry of the best amateur players from around the UK and Ireland, so such a strong home performance has got to be good."

## Golf day for KPC charity

**KPC Youth and Community are holding their annual charity golf day on Friday, June 19, at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.**

Entry for teams of four is just £140 if booked before April 30, then £160 per team. Entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the round of golf.

Sponsorship is also sought for raffle/auction prizes or £50 to sponsor a hole – if you can support us that would be really appreciated.

For team entry forms/more details contact Alison on 01656 749219; kpcyouth@hotmail.com

Alison Mawby  
KPC Youth

## Barry Chess Club at the Welsh Championships

**THE Welsh Chess Championships took place last weekend. These matches involved seven rounds of play spread over four days.**

As usual Barry Chess Club had players taking part in all three sections of the tournament.

In the Open Section there were a total of 32 entries but only one Barry Chess Club player. Nigel Ralphs picked up four points from his six games to finish 13th on tie break. His best result came in round six, when he earned a draw against FM Sven Zeigler. At the end of the tournament, Nigel had gained a total of 27 ratings points to give him a current rating of 2043.

In the Major Section, two of the 46 entries came from our club. I am not sure why but both Sam White and Ken Hannah received three byes and took part in only four rounds of play.

Ken picked up 1.5 points and has now dropped to a rating just below 1700 and this must be his lowest rating for a number of years.

Sam fared a little better, picking up two points. As both players received three byes, their final positions bear little respect for their abilities, as everyone else recorded more results.

Ken and Sam both found themselves too close to the bottom of the table for comfort.

In the Minor Section there were only 26 entries but relative newcomers, Stephen Bonutto and Pagona Mavroyenneas of the Barry Chess Club both took part.

Both players ended with a score of 3 from the 7 rounds of play. Stephen beat Pagona in the middle round and ended in 13th place with Pagona on a respectable 17th place on tie break.

There were only two players ranked below Pagona so she outperformed her rating, gaining 36 rating points in the process.

Her results included draws with Mike McLoughlin, some 350 points higher in the rating system and also a draw with Emily Wang of North Cardiff.

In their previous encounter, Emily was victorious so again this shows how rapidly Pagona is improving.

There was also a division four league game for the Gambits. We travelled to Pontypridd to take on the Pontypridd Thirds.

With a win and two draws we lost by a narrow

margin of 3-2 which is our best result for some time.

It could have been more because young Jason Grice was winning his match and at the crucial moment had a decision to make – one option was a clear win and the other was losing – unfortunately Jason took the wrong move and subsequently lost.

The Gambits are on a losing run of eight games and have one more chance to earn their first victory of 2015 when they take on the Rhondda Hurricanes in the final match of the season shortly.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at [barrychessclub.yolasite.com](http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com).

PHIL JONES, club secretary

### ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

## Evan in a 39-1 Ffos Las double

**LANCASFAN'S Evan Williams landed a 39-1 double at Ffos Las on Sunday.**

Evan, who is the leading trainer at Ffos Las, brought his total number of wins at the racecourse to 58 when his eight-year-old *Oscar Sunset*, won the Totepool Handicap Hurdle and his seven-year-old *Mac Le Couteau* took the Toteexacta Handicap Chase.

The former, a 7-1 chance, was ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney and scored by two lengths from Lewis. The latter, which went off at odds of 4-1, was partnered by Adam Wedge and won by a neck from the favourite *Charming Lad*.

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## Late surge gives Kenfig a convincing victory



LEFT:: Shaun Burnell scores for Kenfig Hill.  
Photography by John Hyde.

ON a sunny, but windy day, Tondy were the visitors to Croft Goch Field for the semi-final of the District Cup.

For the first 20 minutes, the ball remained with the two sets of forwards with very few opportunities to score until eventually a break from a scrum out wide provided a try for Tondy. The conversion was missed and kicking continued to be a problem for the rest of the match.

The game then opened up, the backs came to the fore, and Kenfig Hill responded with two tries by Craig Knight and Joe Williams. Again, neither try was converted, so at half time it was 10-5 to Kenfig Hill.

The second half became a scrappy affair with many blaming the wind for the poor kicking, high balls fumbled

and strange decisions made.

A quick throw-in at a line-out to the Mules led to another mistake and Tondy missed the resulting penalty. The Mules then scored a try when a penalty kick hit the post and bounced kindly, making it 15-5. Again the conversion was missed.

Eventually the tenacity and strength of the Kenfig Hill back-line, with Shaun Burnell impressing, wore down the Tondy side. Three quick tries followed, each converted by new kicking boots, flattering the home side to a degree. Full time 36-5.

**Final score: KHRC 36, Tondy 5.**  
Kenfig Hill scorers: tries – Shaun Burnell, Joe Williams, Craig Knight, Ieuan Jones, Mark Astley and Chris Phillips. Conversions – Shaun Evans (two) and Craig Knight.

## Runaway win for Sports under-15s

BRIDGEND Sports under-15s enjoyed yet another fruitful performance against English opposition after running out as 56-0 victors against London side Old Rutlishians.

The boys reached double figures in terms of the try count for the second consecutive match as they scored 10 impressive tries which propelled the Sports to victory.

The Sports had a squad of 20 for the fixture and carried on from where they left off in the Burnham match. It did not take long for the Sports to open the scoring as a result of a well-worked scrum which saw number 8 Calum Reape emerge with the ball and hand to right wing Isaac Morris, who confidently ran to the corner to score the opening try.

The Sports were now playing with real class and flair and soon extended their lead to 12 points when flanker Joe Davis made a superb break, supported by the ever-reliable captain Matthew Biggs, who went over for a converted try.

The Old Rutlishians' defence was certainly having a tough evening and they found it very difficult to clear their lines, which enabled the Sports to have lots of territory deep inside the away side's 22. From the resulting phases, prop Dewi Ronan crashed over from close range to give the Sports a 17-0 lead.

The relentless nature of the Sports side just wouldn't stop as some great passing led to Joe Davis breaking to then take the unselfish option and put

in centre James Skinner, who touched down just to the side of the posts to take the Sports' lead to 24 points.

There was still time left for the Sports to score a fifth first-half try thanks to winger Mikie Batters, who demonstrated some exquisite finishing skills close to the touchline to score in the corner.

The second half was almost a mirror of the first with the Sports scoring a further five tries without their defence being troubled too much.

Prop Angus Gregory scored his second try of the season after showing determination and endeavour to reach over the line to score. With the Sports now leading by 36 points, it was all one way traffic and the tries kept coming for the Sports. The next was down to an effective lineout move that saw the ball go to Calum Reape, who charged through a fragile defence to score.

The Sports had now well and truly opened up the away side's defence and Jamie Richards darted through some space in the right hand corner to give the Sports an advantage of 46. The ninth try was scored by Joe Davis who, after several assists, scored a try of his own after running into the corner to score.

Isaac then completed the trouncing by scoring in the final play of the match to seal a 56-0 victory.

The Sports are certainly finishing off the season in fine fashion by playing some free-flowing and ruthless rugby which will stand the boys in good stead for next season.

TP

## Bridgend under-9s excel in the West Country

BRIDGEND Sports under-9s enjoyed an outstanding weekend spring tour to the West Country. Returning home on Sunday, players, parents and coaches can be proud of their efforts as the team brushed aside their English opponents, with a 14-0 win, on Saturday against Burnham on Sea, followed by a 27-5 victory over North Petherton, on Sunday morning.

North Petherton may be steeped in English history from before the Norman Conquest but the North Petherton and Burnham teams were unable to match a young Bridgend Sports under-9s team for both skill and intensity.

The Sports players left their opponents a little mesmerised at times, as they scored a total of 41 tries across both games.

The number of tries score served to emphasise the skills gap between the Sports and the two sides from across the Severn Bridge.

In the game against Burnham on Sea, Burnham won the toss and started the game but were soon to lose valuable possession as the Sports harried and tackled their opponents, which led to ball being turned over very frequently.

The Sports having turned the ball over, respected possession and moved the ball at every opportunity.

They scored eight tries in the first half with Callum Lewis, Cian John (2), Joel Rogers, Tyrone Davies and Thomas Chick with a hat-trick, all scored.

In the second half, the Sports scored seven tries through Callum Lewis, Ieuan Pilliner, a fourth for Tom Chick and two apiece for Tyrone Davies and Joel Rogers for them to also claim their own a hat-tricks, for a total of 15 tries without response.

On Sunday morning, it was an early journey from Burnham to North Petherton.

Bridgend Sports continued as they left off the previous day's game. It was evident very early on, that like Burnham on Sea, the young North Petherton side were not used to either the skill and style of play adopted in Wales at this age level.

Four ten-minute periods were played, the Sports scored seven tries in the first period with Ben King, Callum Lewis (2), Ieuan Pilliner, Joel Rogers, Rhys Wilson and Tom Chick all scoring.

North Petherton responded with two tries to make it 7-2. In the second period, a further eight tries were added from the Sports without further response as Ben King, Callum Lewis, Cian John, Joel Rogers (3) and Tom Chick (2) all scored quality tries.

Many a side would have called it a day at this stage, but great credit is due to the North Petherton club, who proved to be excellent hosts.

They were keen to use the game as a learning experience for their players, supporters and coaches.

The Sports added a further 12 tries, six in each of the final two periods played with Ben King, Callum Lewis (2), Cian John (3), Ieuan Pilliner, Joel Rogers (2), Tom Chick and Tyrone Davies (2) all scoring. North Petherton scored three tries in response.

While the Sports players achieved the first objective of the game, to score tries, it was their overall game that caught the eye of the coaches from the English sides as they were able to tackle individually, snap up their opponents ball and then exploit it to great effect, in an impressive overall team performance.

Bridgend Sports under-9s are looking forward to the last two weeks of their season as they take part in two tournaments near home, a district tournament at Kenfig Hill and one at Pencoed the following week.

SP

## Athletic shock runaway league leaders before second half reality check

Bargoed RFC 31 v Bridgend Athletic RFC 22  
SWALEC Championship: Saturday 11th April, 2015

HAVING given a good account of themselves at home, and finding a fruitful run of form in the second half of the season, Bridgend Athletic made the journey to table-topping Bargoed with a modicum of confidence and self-belief that they could do what no other team has done this season.

Bargoed sit at the top of the SWALEC championship with 21 victories from 21 games, having scored a bonus point in all but three of those matches.

They recruited well at the beginning of the season but will ultimately end up frustrated as they do not meet the criteria set by the WRU to progress to the Premier Division.

Bargoed kicked off deep into the Athletic 22 and a sliced return immediately gave them field position 10 metres from the visitors' line.

From the line-out, Bargoed attacked the middle of the field and very soon after a series of quick rucks they created an overlap down the narrow side for wing Lewis Protheroe to squeeze over in the corner for the opening try, that went unconverted.

Bridgend's restart forced Bargoed to kick defensively and captain Sean Williams and young lock Lloyd Griffiths carried strongly to force a penalty that fly-half Rob Evans sent between the posts from 45 metres out.

Again, the home side pressed from the restart and from the first scrum of the game they gained a penalty which Jason Prosser slotted over to restore the lead to five points.

From this point in the half it was almost all Athletic as they stunned their bigger opponents with the quality of their attacking play, despite being under pressure at the scrums.

Griffiths and fellow second rower Tom Penry-Ellis were at the forefront of the forward effort, ably supported by hooker Nathan Holman and his props Matthew Norman and Rod Apsee.

Flanker Ben Howe continued his fine foraging work of recent weeks and Griff Davies worked tirelessly to keep the Athletic on the front foot. Evans and the centres Ryan Owen and Tom Morgan proved to be effective ball carriers and solid defenders in conjunction with full-back, the ever-dependable Lindsay McCausland.

The Athletic forced their opponents back on their own line and the home scrum half was found guilty of slowing the ball down and was shown the yellow card by referee Mr Martyn Lewis.

With a man advantage, the Athletic pressed home their attack and scrum half Jake Williams fired out a pass to Ryan Owen, whose timing and angle of running allowed him to burst through and dive over close to the posts for a try converted by Evans to give the Athletic the lead.

Bargoed came back with an attack

of their own but a solid tackle in defence dislodged the ball inside the Athletic 22.

Mathew Norman swooped onto the loose ball and fed Owen, who made good progress before feeding speedy wing Dan Howells. When he was tackled, the ball was recycled to the other side of the field where Evans made a nice break that was carried on by Tom Morgan, who found Jake Williams on his outside for the scrum-half to dive over.

Soon after, another handling error by Bargoed gave the Athletic an attacking scrum. Griff Davies picked up and linked with Morgan and Owen and again Williams was at hand to dive over for the third try. Evans converted to give the Athletic a 14-point lead at half-time much to the chagrin of the home supporters.

The small band of Athletic supporters felt that an unlikely result might be in the offing but they were soon to be disabused by the home team, who came out for the second-half in a completely different frame of mind.

Their scrum began to really dominate and their big robust ball-carriers became more and more effective. They scored two quick tries, one for wing Lee Pearson after good work following a quickly-taken penalty and one for effective scrum-half James Pizey from a scrum drive.

The Ath were still competing manfully and a few handling errors denied them scoring opportunities but with their scrum dominating, the home eight drove over from close in for their fourth try of the game to earn a bonus point.

When the Athletic tried to break out from under their posts a poorly-executed pass resulted in a scrum from which a penalty was awarded and fly-half Prosser extended the home lead to six points.

Even the replacement of the whole front row with Wayne Fooks, Simon Mustoe and Matt Muir failed to shore up the scrums and when Pizey broke from an attacking scrum replacement flanker Dan Apsee, who had been on the field only seconds, was guilty of holding back a supporting player and was sent to the bin for the remainder of the game.

Prosser sent over the resulting penalty to take the Athletic out of losing bonus point range.

Bridgend Athletic were not about to lie down though and the last five minutes of the action was inside the home 22. As time ran out, the Ath had one last surge for the line. Sean Williams was unable to get his scoring pass to Penry-Ellis and time ran out.

Nevertheless, despite not playing as well as in recent performances, although these opponents are a cut above others in the division, the Athletic can take confidence from this display and look forward to the visit of Llanharan to Newbridge Fields next Saturday.

Mark Davies